

10+ Entrance Examination

Sample Paper

Time Allowed: 1 hour

Name: _____

Primary School: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the passage in Section A and answer all the questions as fully as possible.
- Then choose one of the writing tasks in Section B.
- Section A is testing your reading skills and Section B is testing your writing skills.
- Check your work through carefully at the end of the exam.

GOOD LUCK!

SECTION A

Read the passage carefully and then answer ALL the questions.

Write in full sentences and use your own words as much as possible.

Check your answers carefully for mistakes in spelling, punctuation and grammar when you have finished.

Lovejoy Mason is a lonely little girl who has made a garden on a sheltered corner of a bomb-site.

Tip's camp was the best hidden for miles; screened by a bit of an old wall, it was like an igloo built of rubble; there was only a little hole, close to the ground, by which to go in and out; even the smallest of boys had to lie down and wriggle. Outside it looked just another pile of bricks and stones; inside it had bunks made of orange boxes, an old meat-safe for keeping things in and an older cooking-stove in which it was possible to light a fire or heat up a sausage or soup over a candle; drinks were kept in a hot-water bottle....

The gang had thought the camp completely secret but "She's in there now," said Sparkey breathlessly. "I just seen her go in."

For a moment they stood still, then Tip put his two little fingers in the corners of his mouth and whistled. The next moment they went through the gap, down the bank and in the bomb-ruin. There was a violent noise of boots on stones, of hoots and cries as they hunted among the walls, then they found, and Lovejoy was surrounded.

One minute the garden was there, its stones arranged, the cornflowers growing, the grass green, the next there were only boots. To Lovejoy they were boots, though most of the boys wore shoes, but boys' shoes with heavy steel tips to the soles and heels. She crouched where she was, while the boys smashed up the garden, trampled down the grass and kicked away the stones; the cornflower earth was scattered, the seedlings torn out and pulled in bits. In a minute no garden was left, and Tip picked up the trowel and fork and threw them far away across the rubble. "Now get out," said Tip to Lovejoy.

Lovejoy stood up; she felt as if she were made of stone, she was so cold and hard, then, in a boy's hand she saw an infinitesimal bit of green; he was rolling a cornflower between his finger and thumb; suddenly her chin began to tremble.

Now turn over and answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. What makes Tip's camp so hard to find? (3 marks)

2. How have the boys managed to make the inside of their camp comfortable? (4 marks)

3. What are the boys surprised to find when they arrive at their camp? (1 mark)

4. What impression do you get of the little garden that Lovejoy has created at the bomb-site? (3 marks)

5. What do the boys do to Lovejoy's garden? (5 marks)

6. What phrase does the writer use to describe Lovejoy's reaction to the boys' behaviour? Explain in your own words what this phrase means. (3 marks)

7. In the last paragraph, when Lovejoy sees 'an infinitesimal bit of green' in one boy's hand, her chin begins to tremble.

a) Explain the meaning of 'infinitesimal'. (1 mark)

b) Why do you think that this is the sight that causes Lovejoy to begin to cry? (2 marks)

8. Explain the meaning of the following words in the passage. They are underlined for you in the passage. (3 marks)

a) igloo

b) seedlings

c) rubble

[25 marks in total]

Section B

Choose **ONE** of the following to write about. Pay close attention to your spelling, punctuation and grammar. Use the lines printed on the exam paper for your writing.

1. Write **the first few paragraphs** of a story with the opening lines 'As soon as I pushed open the gate, I knew this was a special place.'
2. Write about a park or a garden that you know well. Describe it **in some detail** and explain your feelings towards it.

(25 marks)

Please turn over to find the space for your writing.

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