



MERCHANT TAYLORS'
School

11+ Specimen Paper
English

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This exam is split into **TWO** sections: a **READING** section and a **WRITING** section.
- You should aim to spend **5 minutes** reading the extract, **20 minutes** on Section A (Reading) and **25 minutes** on Section B (Writing)
- You are advised to read through the separate **READING BOOKLET** before answering the questions.
- Answer **ALL** questions in the spaces provided in this booklet.
- Check your work carefully at the end.

READING: 20 MARKS

WRITING: 20 MARKS

TOTAL: 40 MARKS

SECTION B: WRITING

- Write in full sentences.
- Organise your work into paragraphs.
- Plan and write in this booklet.
- Marks are allotted for accurate spelling and punctuation.
- You should spend some time planning and checking your work.

Choose ONE of the following:

EITHER:

1. What happens next?

Carry on the story from where the passage ends.

- *Don't write about too many different things and avoid repeating parts from the passage.*
- *Imagine what happens next, thinking about how you want your part of the story to end.*
- *Think of the atmosphere created in the story so far.*

OR:

2. Describe setting off on an exciting journey.

- *Remember to use creative description to immerse the reader in the scene.*
- *You choose the kind of journey; you don't have to be setting off on a plane.*
- *Aim to create a vivid atmosphere.*

For a third option, please turn over.

OR:

3. Describe the image -

- *Don't tell a story: make sure you only describe the single moment shown in the picture.*
- *Remember to use creative description to immerse the reader in the scene.*



TOTAL MARKS FOR SECTION B: 20 MARKS





