



# **7+ ENGLISH PAPER 1**

**Specimen Paper**

**Time allowed: 30 mins**

**Marks available: 25**

**Name: .....**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**The passage will be read to you and then you should read it once more before answering the questions in full sentences.**

## Staying Out

At long last, we had permission to spend the night camping out, even if it was only at the bottom of Kev's garden.

Four hours later, we were snuggled into our sleeping bags. Already the sun had dipped over the horizon and the shadows were growing longer. Kev turned on his torch and we stared out across the garden at the house. Each room was lit up with the lights glowing like yellow pumpkins. However, down at the end of the garden where we were, it was getting darker and darker as if we were sinking into a deep pit. Stars came out like tiny silver studs. The moon cast an eerie, silver light over the garden and it grew colder.

Kev zipped up the tent flap and we chatted for a while. I could just see my digital watch giving off a strange, green glow. It had luminous numbers which meant that you could sometimes see them in the dark. Kev had just told me a joke about a man with a dog that wore brown shoes when we first heard it. A strange scratching noise coming from just outside the tent. We froze. What on earth could it be?

Then it came again. Something or somebody was moving along the side of the tent towards the entrance. It was making a scraping noise like somebody's last rasping breath! There was no escape. All we could do was lie there waiting. Terrified, both of us ducked down deep into our sleeping bags and waited. My heart thumped.

Then Kev really surprised me. Cautiously, he reached out and pulled the flap down. There was a sudden rush of cold air and we stared out. His torch flickered on. Its beam stabbed the darkness, picking out the intruder like a spotlight.

1. Where does the story take place? (1 mark)

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2. What were the children sleeping in? (1 mark)

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3. How do you know what time of day it was? (2 marks)

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4. What was glowing like pumpkins? (1 mark)

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5. "The moon cast an eerie, silver light..." Which of these words has a similar meaning to "eerie"? Circle the correct answer. (1 mark)

white

little

sunny

spooky

6. Why did the children freeze? (1 mark)

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7. Explain in your own words how you know the children were scared. (2 marks)

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8. How did the writer describe the noise outside? (1 mark)

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9. What word tells you how Kev was feeling when he checked what was outside? (1 mark)

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10. Link up the boxes to complete the sentences about the story. (4 marks)

The sun

stabbed the darkness.

The stars

ducked down in their sleeping bags.

The boys

dipped over the horizon.

The torch

came out like tiny silver studs.

**11. Some words in the passage have been underlined. Find them and write what you think each one means. (5 marks)**

**Permission**

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**Horizon**

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**Luminous**

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**Rasping**

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**Intruder**

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**12. Describe the figure that the boys see in the torch light. Try to make your description interesting. (5 marks)**

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**Total: ..... / 25 marks**



## **7+ ENGLISH PAPER 2**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Write about ONE of the following.**

**Remember to use capital letters and full stops.**

- 1. Continue the story – What happens next? What will the boys do?**
- 2. Create your own suspense story about a haunted house.**
- 3. Write Kev’s diary entry for that day.**