



English

Stage 8



Paper 2 Fiction

2025

Cambridge Lower Secondary Progression Test

Name _____

Class

Date

1 hour 10 minutes

Additional materials: Insert

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- You should pay attention to punctuation, spelling and handwriting.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- Suggestions for how long to spend on each section are given in the booklet.

Section A: Reading

Spend 35 minutes on this section.

Read the **text** in the insert, and answer Questions 1–10.

1 Look at the first paragraph (lines 4–10).

Give a **two-word** phrase which means *bad things that almost happened*.

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[1]

2 (a) Look at the first and second paragraphs (lines 4–16).

Complete the table below giving the dangers faced by Emmeline in different parts of her house. Use a maximum of **three** words to describe each danger.

Parts of the house	The danger faced
stairs
floor
doors	closed by themselves
hallways

[3]

(b) The creatures have to be *very patient*. What does this tell the reader about the footwear?

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[1]

3 Look at the third paragraph (lines 17–24).

(a) Why is Widget Manor *invisible*?

[1]

(b) The writer uses a figurative language technique to describe the river. Give the technique and explain how the writer uses this technique to describe **two** different characteristics of the river.

Figurative language technique:

First characteristic of river:

Second characteristic of river:

[3]

4 Look at the fourth paragraph (lines 25–34).

(a) What does *all this* refer to in the first line?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

the potential danger of accidentally falling in the river

the items she had to carry with her to fight off danger

the potential dangers existing in the house and garden

the horrible creatures hiding in the trees ready to attack

[1]

(b) When Emmeline's parents entertain guests, her mother expects Emmeline to behave in a certain way. What do you think this tells the reader about her mother's opinion of Emmeline? Support your answer with a relevant quotation from the text.

What mother thinks of daughter:

Quotation:

[2]

5 Look at the fifth paragraph (lines 35–38).
Explain how *then* carries on an idea from the fourth paragraph to the fifth.

In the fourth paragraph

.....

In the fifth paragraph

[2]

6 (a) Look at the sixth paragraph (lines 39–44).
Give **two** adjectives which tell the reader how much Emmeline enjoys reading the book about knots.

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[2]

(b) Capital letters are used for different reasons in this paragraph. Complete the list describing the different reasons.

1 to begin a sentence

2 to begin a person's name

3

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4

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[2]

7 Look at the seventh paragraph (lines 45–47).
Give **one** adverbial phrase which shows the respect Emmeline has for the book.

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[1]

8 Look at the eighth paragraph (lines 48–51).
 Why are dashes (–) used here?
 Tick (✓) **one** box.

to build up the tension

to indicate the writer's voice

to give a description of the knife

to emphasise Emmeline's actions

[1]

9 Look at the ninth paragraph (lines 52–57). Why does Emmeline keep staring at the words in the letter?

[1]

10 Look at the following opinions. Which one do you agree with most, A or B?
 Tick (✓) **one** box.

A: I think Emmeline has an overactive imagination and sees danger everywhere.

B: I think Emmeline is a sensible and practical girl who is prepared for anything.

Give **two** reasons for your choice and support each reason with a quotation from the text.

Reason 1:

Quotation 1:

Reason 2:

Quotation 2:

[4]

Section B: Writing

Spend 35 minutes on this section.

11 This extract ends with a cliff-hanger. Now use this starter to continue writing the story.

When she had finished reading the letter, Emmeline...

You could think about:

- What is in the letter?
- Is it connected to the absence of Emmeline's parents or something else?
- What happens next? Does it include danger? Is Emmeline as prepared as she usually is?

Space for your plan:

Write your story on the next page.

[25 marks]

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