



English

Stage 8

Paper 2 Fiction

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Cambridge Lower Secondary Progression Test

Name

Class

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1 hour 10 minutes

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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*.

..... [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?

..... [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

.....

4

.....

[2]

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

..... [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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