



English

Stage 8

Paper 2 Fiction

2024

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 1–7.

1 Look at lines 4–9.

(a) The first sentence uses a simile.

What does the simile tell the reader about the Marquis?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

He has a sense of humour.

He could be dangerous.

He is fond of animals.

He sounds greedy.

[1]

(b) Explain the function and effect of the semi-colon (;) in the first paragraph.

Function:

Effect:

[2]

(c) What does the word *erupted* tell the reader?

.....

[1]

2 Look at lines 10–16.

(a) Explain **two** ways that the Marquis's way of speaking shows that he is unfriendly towards Richard. Support each explanation with a quotation.

First explanation:

Quotation:

Second explanation:

Quotation:

[4]

(b) Why does the writer repeat the verb *move*?

..... [1]

3 Look at lines 17–25.

(a) Give **two** words that show the contrast in behaviour between the Marquis and Richard.

The Marquis:

Richard:

[2]

(b) Give **two** words that show that the flare is gradually weakening.

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[2]

4 Look at lines 26–42.

(a) The word *tiny* is repeated to emphasise how small things appear to Richard. What else does the repetition of *tiny* emphasise?

..... [1]

(b) Which statement below do you agree with most?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

This part of the text shows how frightened Richard is.

This part of the text shows how unkind the Marquis is.

Give **two** reasons for your choice. Support each reason with a quotation.

Reason 1:

Quotation 1:

Reason 2:

Quotation 2:

[4]

5 Look at lines 43–53.

Richard has difficulty keeping up with the Marquis. Give **two** phrases that tell the reader this.

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[2]

6 Look at lines 54–58. Why does Richard rub his eyes?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

He is uncertain where he is.

He has been dazzled by the light.

He is astonished by what he sees.

He has just bumped his head.

[1]

7 Look at the whole text.

Some of the things that happen in the text are unusual. Give **two** reasons why you think Richard could be surprised. Support each reason with a quotation.

Complete the table below. One example has been done for you.

Reason for surprise	Quotation
<i>The Marquis knows how to get into the tunnel</i>	<i>The manhole cover came up easily...</i>
1
2

[4]

Section B: Writing

Spend 35 minutes on this section.

8 Write a story about two characters who are very different from each other and who meet unexpectedly.

You should think about:

- Who are the characters and how are they different?
- Where, when and why do the characters meet each other?
- What do the characters do together, and what happens?

Space for your plan:

Write your story on the next page.

[25 marks]

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