

## SAMPLE PLACEMENT EXAM FORM 2-3

### SECTION A: USE OF ENGLISH

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS : \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets:**

1. My cousin \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a cold since last Tuesday.
2. We're going abroad this summer and I'm so excited! I \_\_\_\_\_ (never / be) to another country before!
3. Normally we \_\_\_\_\_ (start) our lessons at school at 7.30, but today we \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) at 8:00 because we have an assembly.
4. Your face is red! \_\_\_\_\_ (you / shout)?
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ (be) silly again! Concentrate on your work!
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English since I was eight.
7. Here \_\_\_\_\_ (come) the teacher. We better all start working before she comes and sees that we have done nothing so far.
8. My next-door neighbour is a fashion designer. In fact she \_\_\_\_\_ (design) lots of dresses for famous actresses so far this year.
9. Chris \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) his job two weeks ago - he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) there for twenty years!
10. Jim \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) too much in class.
11. Kim says she won't make it to the party tomorrow. She \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to Greece tonight.

12. "And now Ronaldinho \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) the ball to Messi and... he scores!!"
13. It's been ages since I've spoken to Emily. I think I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) soon to see how she is.
14. Andy and Maria are really happy living in Spain! Do you know that the two of them \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Cyprus for 2 years before they got married?
15. Who \_\_\_\_\_ (you / believe) will win the competition?
16. \_\_\_\_\_ (the bus / arrive) at 9.30 or 9.40 tomorrow morning?
17. Lindsay \_\_\_\_\_ (hurt) her knee while she \_\_\_\_\_ (dance).

40 marks

**B. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets:**

1. - You must plan your trip to Brazil well! If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not / prepare) your vacation, you \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) a good time!
2. Jack is so cruel! If he \_\_\_\_\_ (not / be) so mean, I'm sure Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ (forgive) him– but of course she won't!
3. My house isn't big enough, so my friends from England can't come and stay with me. If it \_\_\_\_\_ (bigger) then my friends \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ have) to go and stay at a hotel.

4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (divide) forty by two you  
\_\_\_\_\_ (get) twenty.
5. Kelly missed the train because she lost her purse. If she \_\_\_\_\_  
(lose) ticket, she \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the train.

20 marks

**C. Complete the following so that there is no change in the meaning:**

1. What a pity I wasn't prepared for that exam!  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
2. It's such a shame I don't remember the answers!  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
3. The dog has eaten your shoe!  
Your shoe \_\_\_\_\_
4. They were renovating the roads when I last stayed in Central London.  
The roads \_\_\_\_\_
5. Someone sent a bouquet of flowers to the teacher.  
A bouquet of flowers \_\_\_\_\_
6. "They won't be allowed to go on the school trip to Greece next month," said the  
Principal.  
The Principal said \_\_\_\_\_
7. "Do you like it here at our School?" the teacher asked.  
The teacher asked the new pupil \_\_\_\_\_
8. "Why did they cancel the party last night?" asked Terry.  
Terry wondered \_\_\_\_\_

16 marks

**D. Choose the right answer:**

1. The test was quite easy, but I'm sure the teacher could have given us \_\_\_ more time to study.  
**a) many**                      **b) much**                      **c) very**
  
2. Time \_\_\_ everything!  
**a) are**                      **b) can**                      **c) is**
  
3. I think this year's Christmas show will be more successful \_\_\_ last year's one.  
**a) from**                      **b) as**                      **c) than**
  
4. – Holly, I think you should give \_\_\_ more of your money to the poor!  
**a) a few**                      **b) a little**                      **c) many**
  
5. Larry and Charlotte have been married for 30 years, so I Larry would like \_\_\_ something really special for his wife on their anniversary.  
**a) prepare**                      **b) to prepare**                      **c) preparing**
  
6. My mother always used to tell me, "You should never avoid \_\_\_ the truth!"  
**a) tell**                      **b) to tell**                      **c) telling**
  
7. Their mother always tried hard to be affectionate with them , but eventually she got tired of \_\_\_ disrespected.  
**a) be**                      **b) to be**                      **c) being**
  
8. – Stop \_\_\_ so fast! There are speed cameras in this road!  
**a) driving**                      **b) drive**                      **c) to drive**

**16 marks**

**E. Choose the right preposition to fill in the blanks:**

1. Hey, these nuggets are definitely not cooked well. They're giving \_\_\_\_\_ an awful smell!
2. I can't believe it! Lucy and Colin have broken \_\_\_\_\_ after a 7-year relationship!
3. I rarely look at my high school pictures anymore as they bring \_\_\_\_\_ too many memories of when I was young and beautiful – now I'm just old and wrinkly!
4. –Helen, you should turn \_\_\_\_\_ the volume so you can concentrate on your homework!
5. It was such an awful accident! It is going to take me a long time to get \_\_\_\_\_ the shock!
6. I ran \_\_\_\_\_ Sue the other day! She said she was pregnant.
7. If you eat too many sweets, you are in danger of putting \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of weight.
8. My cousin who is living with us is causing so much trouble. We will all have to come \_\_\_\_\_ with a solution to get rid of her!

**8 marks**

**TOTAL : 100 MARKS**

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## SECTION B : NOTE TAKING

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS : \_\_\_\_\_

# Abomination

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*G. Scott*

**I**t was good in town. Simon got there about a minute after me, and we checked out this games shop and a few other places in the Centre before he showed me the town. There's not a lot in Scratchley. All the good shops are in the Centre. The best bit apart from that is the park. A river runs through town and the park's on both banks, with a footbridge connecting the two halves. It's got a bike track, a place for skate-boards and a café with tables inside and outside where they do burgers and Coke and stuff. Kids go there Saturdays. We saw Tracy Stamper and another girl from school. Tracy said to me, 'If you're waiting for Raggedy-Ann, you're wasting your time. She never comes here.' What a spack. I suppose she said it because I lent Martha my ruler. 'I'm not waiting for anybody,' I told her, 'and if I was it wouldn't be you.'

The other cool place is the library, because on the top floor there's a room where they sometimes shoot *Nickelodeon*. There's a sign on the steps – *GROWN-UP-FREE ZONE* – and the room's all done out with like posters and mobiles and giant fluffy toys. I was buzzing, but there was nobody around. Simon's had free pencils and puzzles and lots of other stuff from there, and once they videoed him and he saw himself on telly. 'We'll check it out next week,' he said.

When we got hungry, we went back to the park and ate. It was warm and sunny so we sat outside. Tracy and her friend had gone. We ordered Cheesy Bigburgers with fries and drank Cokes while we waited, and it was not what you'd call fast food. You could have eaten at McDonald's and been halfway to Australia by the time it came, but it was good.

'Have you been told about the Expedition?' asked Simon between bites. I shook my head.

'Oh, it's great. Year Eight goes every summer, after half-term. Three days. Place called Hanglands. Canoeing, caving, abseiling, you name it. It's seventy pounds. See Killer Kilroy about it.' Mr Kilroy was PE and boys' games.

'Does everybody go?'

'Not everybody. Some parents don't want their kid abseiling and stuff. They think it's dangerous. And some can't afford it.'

'So what do the kids do for three days – those who stay behind I mean?'

Simon shrugged. 'They help kids in other years, or Chocky finds 'em jobs to do.' Chocky's the Head, Mr Cadbury. Simon grinned. 'I bet I know someone who won't be going.'

'Who?' I knew, but I wanted to prove she wasn't on my mind.

'I'll give you a clue. She's on your table.'

'Martha?'

'Correct. Have a House Point.'

She was on my mind though. Had been all morning. *What does Martha do Saturdays? Does she have fun? Does she know what fun is? And why the heck do I care? I didn't want*

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to think about the sad spack, for Pete's sake. In fact it was doing my head in, but I couldn't help it. I kept seeing that pasty face, the hair that looked like it had been styled with a knife and fork, those big, awful eyes.

Hey: maybe she's a witch. Maybe she cast a spell on me by touching my ruler.

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Use chapter 6 for this question

Imagine that you are Scott and you went to Scratchley Town with Simon the day before. Leave a note to your parents, based on this chapter, about what you did in town and what places there are to see or visit in Scratchley. Use the bullets provided for you below.

What I did in town with Simon:

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What there is to see or what places you can visit in Scratchley:

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**(14 marks)**

## SECTION C: SUMMARY WRITING

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS : \_\_\_\_\_

Imagine you are Martha. It is Sunday evening and just before you go to bed you decide to write an entry in your diary about your day. Using the information in Chapter 7, write down, in chronological order, the things you did today.

Use your own words.

**Word Limit:** 150 words.

# Abomination

## 7. Martha

**W**hat do you do, Sundays? Sleep late, eat a big breakfast, go for a run in the car? Most people seem to, ending up at garden centres, Sunday markets, tourist spots. A few pop into church first, but not many. Nice day anyway – something to look forward to all week.

Let me tell you about *my* Sunday. My Sabbath. The Sabbath of the Righteous.

It kicks off at six, summer and winter. Rain or shine.

My alarm goes off. I get up, wash my hands and face in cold water, put on the brown dress Mother sewed for me, make my bed and tidy my room. If it is winter, I do all of this in the dark. At six forty-five, I go downstairs. There's no electric light, no heat, no breakfast. Just a candle burning at Father's end of the table, where he sits with the big Bible. At the other end, in darkness if it is winter, sits Mother. *Good morning, Martha,* says Father. *Good morning, Father,* I reply. *Good morning; Martha,* says Mother. *Good morning, Mother,* say I, and sit down. The floor is of quarry tiles, and I take care not to make a screeching sound with the legs of my chair. The Bible is open at the page Father wants. After leading the two of us in a short prayer, he reads a story from the Old Testament. It might be the story of Esau and Jacob, or Gideon, or Samson, or Jonah,

or some other story. I know them all. When he's finished he says, *The word of God*, and closes the Bible. By this time it's about seven fifteen. We can hear Abomination making noises in the cellar because there's been no food, but nobody mentions this.

We get ready for church. It's a mile away and we walk. We've missed only once since I was born. It had snowed all night and there'd been a high wind. Some of the drifts were five feet deep. I was six years old. We set off, but had to turn back. Father had sent Mary away just a few days before. He said the blocked road was God punishing him for raising such a daughter. I remember thinking it might be God punishing him for turning her out of the house, but of course I didn't say anything. Perhaps I didn't think it – not at six. Maybe it occurred to me when I was a bit older. Anyway.

Meeting starts at eight fifteen and usually goes on till eleven. Yes, that's right – two and three quarter hours solid of praying and listening. The building is cold and bare. The seats are hard wooden chairs and we mustn't fidget. Even the youngest kids have to sit absolutely still and pay attention. You want to try it sometime, in midwinter when you're hungry and your feet are wet because the snow came over your boots. Tell yourself God loves you. It won't help.

The walk home warms us, and when we get in we're permitted to return to the twentieth century. Father switches on the central heating and Mother microwaves a stew she made yesterday. I'm sent down the cellar to feed Abomination, which is horrible, but then comes the highlight of my day – I get to eat.

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In the afternoon I do my homework while Father studies the Bible and Mother sews. At five we walk to six o'clock Meeting. Those chairs again, this time for about an hour. Then the walk home (normal people whizzing past us in cars at the end of their day out), a mug of cocoa, then bed.

There's this text in a frame on the dining-room wall. *Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest.*

That's what it says, so why is it that when Sunday night rolls round I'm more shattered than I've been all week?





**SECTION D: LITERATURE**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS : \_\_\_\_\_

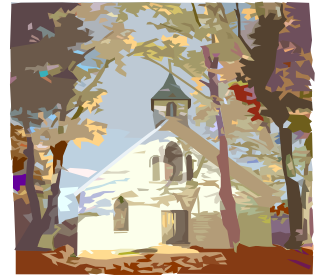
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**Part 1**

**Figurative Language**

**Simile or Metaphor?**

Decide whether each sentence contains a simile or metaphor.  
Write the word SIMILE if the sentence contains a simile. Write  
the word METAPHOR if the sentence contains a metaphor.



1. We pull up and watch her stagger up the path like a shot bandit. (p.4)

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2. She wore a beat-up old hat that looked like a rat had crawled on to her head and died. (p.17)

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3. I hummed one of Satan's latest tunes as I walked down Taylor Hill ... swinging my plastic bag. (p.51)

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4. I picture it, spreading through the darkness like the ripples when a pebble plops into a pond. (p.34)

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5. "Your mum making you a pretend uniform is she, Snotty, so you'll match that bag-lady you hang out with?" (p.57)

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**10 marks**



