

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL



YEAR 7 (11+) ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

January 2022

for entry in September 2022

ENGLISH

Name: _____

School: _____

Time allowed: 5 minutes reading time, then 1 hour exam.

You are advised to spend approximately 35 minutes on Section A and 25 minutes on section B.

Equipment needed: Pen and lined paper

Information for candidates:

1. Dictionaries are NOT allowed.
2. Write your name and school on this page.
3. You may NOT make notes on this exam paper during the 5 minutes of reading time. After the first 5 minutes of reading time you may write on this paper.
4. Write your answers on the separate paper provided. Please put your name on all the sheets of paper you use. Answer both Section A and Section B.
5. You should write in full sentences and pay attention to both spelling and punctuation.
6. The paper will be marked out of 35. The marks for each question are indicated in the square brackets [].

SECTION A

Total marks available for this section are 20

Read the extract below, taken from the novel “Sword in the Stone” by T. H. White and answer all the questions that follow:

Arthur slept well in the woodland nest where he had laid himself down, in that kind of thin but refreshing sleep which people have when they first lie out of doors. At first, he only dipped below the surface of sleep, and skimmed along like a salmon in shallow water, so close to the surface that he fancied himself in the air. He thought himself awake when he was already asleep. He saw the stars above his face, whirling round on their silent and sleepless axis, and the leaves of the trees rustling against them, and heard small changes in the grass. These little noises of footsteps and soft-fringed wing-beasts and stealthy bellies drawn over the grass blades or rattling against the bracken at first frightened or interested him, so that he moved to see what they were (but never saw). Then soothed him, so that he no longer cared to see what they were but trusted them to be themselves, and finally left him altogether as he swam down deeper and deeper, nuzzling his nose into the scented turf, into the warm ground, into the unending waters under the earth.

It had been difficult to go to sleep in the bright summer moonlight, but once he was there it was not difficult to stay. The sun came early, causing him to turn over in protest, but in going to sleep he had learnt to vanquish light, and now the light could not reawaken him. It was nine o'clock, five hours after daylight, before he rolled over, opened his eyes, and was awake at once. He was hungry.

1. Explain where Arthur has slept in your own words. [2 marks]
2. How does the writer convey Arthur's experience of being asleep? You should use words or phrases from the extract to support your ideas. [7 marks]
3. What is your impression of Arthur's character in the passage? Look at the detail from the passage to support your answer but use your own words as much as possible to describe him. [6 marks]
4. Write a short continuation of the passage from: “He was hungry...” Think about what might have happened next and try to keep the same atmosphere and style of the original. [5 marks]

SECTION B

Total marks available for this section are 15

*Choose **ONE** of the following:*

EITHER:

1. Imagine you have woken up in a natural outdoor setting. Write a description of your experience.

OR

2. Write a descriptive piece called "A Mysterious Place."

[15 marks]