



Cambridge Lower Secondary Sample Test

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English Paper 2

Stage 7

1 hour 10 minutes

Name

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 30 minutes on this section.

Read the text in the Insert, and answer questions 1–11.

1 Look at the first paragraph (lines 1–6).

(a) Why does the writer make the first paragraph a description of different sounds?

..... [1]

(b) The writer uses a number of literary features to describe the setting.
Complete the table below, describing the literary features the writer uses and giving an example from the text.

Literary technique	Example from text
personification	
.....	heads as grey and furry-looking as little mice
sibilance	

[3]

2 What is Granny's attitude towards Masha's weather prediction?

..... [1]

3 What does the writer mean by 'less cotton wool than curdled milk'?

..... [1]

4 Look at lines 17–23.

(a) The writer mostly uses long sentences here.
Why? Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

to build up descriptive detail

☐

to add emphasis to the description

☐

to create a slow, relaxing pace

☐

to explain why the action takes place

☐

to show a sequence of events

☐

[2]

(b) Why do you think Granny named their home *Icarus*?

..... [1]

5 Explain in your own words how the writer makes Icarus seem like a pleasant place to live.
Give **three** ways.

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..... [3]

6 Do you think Masha's aunt knows Masha better than her uncle? Explain your answer and give evidence from the text to support your explanation.

Explanation:

Quotation: [2]

7 Explain why Granny sighs. Give **two** ideas.

- [2]
- [2]

8 Look at the last paragraph (lines 47–50).

(a) Why is a semi-colon (;) used?

..... [1]

(b) Give **one** subordinate clause.

..... [1]

(c) Masha has a slight ache.
Why?

..... [1]

9 The text is set in Ukraine, on the edge of Kiev, by the Dnieper River.
Give **two** other pieces of evidence from the text that tell you the text is set in Ukraine.

- [2]
- [2]

10 (a) Which of the following do you think best describes Masha's character? Tick (✓) **one** box.

irritable	☐
dreamy	☐
lonely	☐
worried	☐

[1]

(b) Which of the following do you think best describe Granny's character? Tick (✓) **one** box.

selfish	☐
practical	☐
emotional	☐
adventurous	☐

[1]

11 Look at the structure of this text.
Give **two** reasons why paragraphs are used in this text.

- [2]
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Section B: Writing

Spend 30 minutes on this section.

12 Write your own story about a holiday in a caravan somewhere unusual.

You could consider the following:

- the setting
- the characters
- the viewpoint
- how the story develops.

Space for your plan:

Write your story on the next page.

[25 marks]

