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Introduction

In this paper there are some stories and a poem. We hope you will find them interesting and informative. You will be asked some questions.

As you work through the booklet refer to the Glossary and Contents pages whenever you wish.

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Read this passage through, then answer the questions on the following pages. If there are any words you don't understand, you may find them in the Glossary on page 9.

J. K. Rowling

1. J.K. Rowling is the author of the Harry Potter series. She was born in 1965 and shares a birthday, 31st July, with her most famous creation, Harry Potter. A publisher suggested that instead of using her full name on the covers of her books, she should use a pen name using just initials and her surname. This was so that no one could tell that she was a female author. The publisher feared that a wizard story written by a woman may not be very popular. The J and K stand for Joanne and Kathleen.

- Joanne was the first daughter of Peter and Anne Rowling. Her sister, Dianne, was born when Joanne was almost 2 years old. Rowling loved writing from an early age and wrote her first story when she was six. It was about a rabbit called Rabbit who gets the measles and is visited by his friends. As a child, she became friends with a brother and sister whose surname was Potter. She always liked their surname and used it later in her writing.
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- Rowling got the idea for the Harry Potter books in 1990 when she was on a delayed train from Manchester to London. She used a napkin to write down her initial ideas for a story about a boy wizard. When she got home, she began to write the story. Rowling moved to Edinburgh and wrote the first book on pads of paper in Edinburgh cafés. It was completed on an old typewriter.
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- She finished the first Harry Potter book in 1995. It was rejected by twelve publishing houses who did not think the book would sell very well. They did not guess that her work would become the bestselling book series in history. Two years later, Bloomsbury Publishing Company agreed to publish Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone. Rowling had planned the storylines for all seven books before the first book was even published.
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- In 1997, Rowling achieved success when Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone won The British Book Awards Children's Book of the Year and the Smarties Gold Award. Rowling's books have sold over 400 million copies, been translated into 65 languages and have been made into very successful films. She went from being unemployed and having very little money to becoming a multi-millionaire in the space of five years.
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Please answer these questions. Look at the passage again if you need to. You should choose the **best** answer and mark its letter on your answer sheet.

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How did childhood friends influence Rowling's writing?

- A they had a surname that she later used in her work
- B they had a rabbit
- C they visited her when she had measles
- D the boy was called Harry
- E they encouraged her to write stories

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Why did twelve publishing houses reject her first book?

- A they didn't like the name Joanne
- B they didn't like to publish female authors
- C they wanted seven books instead of just one
- D they didn't like the name Harry Potter
- E they didn't believe the book would be popular

There are 14 more questions in this section.

In this passage there are some **spelling** mistakes. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark the letter for it on your answer sheet. If there is no mistake, choose option N on your answer sheet.

Dinosaurs

17 The word “dinosaur” means “terrible lizerd”. Dinosaurs roamed the earth for over 160
A B C D

18 million years before they died out 65 million years ago. This means that they’re extinct.
A B C D

There are 7 more questions in this section.

Read this poem through, then answer the questions on the following pages. If there are any words you don't understand, you may find them in the Glossary on page 9.

The Caterpillar

by Robert Graves

1. Under this loop of honeysuckle,
A creeping, coloured caterpillar,
I gnaw the fresh green hawthorn spray,
I nibble it leaf by leaf away.

5. Down beneath grow dandelions,
Daisies, old-man's-looking-glasses;
Rooks flap croaking across the lane.
I eat and swallow and eat again.

Here come raindrops helter-skelter;
10. I munch and nibble unregarding:
Hawthorn leaves are juicy and firm.
I'll mind my business: I'm a good worm.

When I'm old, tired, melancholy,
I'll build a leaf-green mausoleum
15. Close by, here on this lovely spray,
And die and dream the ages away.

Some say worms win resurrection,
With white wings beating flitter-flutter,
But wings or a sound sleep, why should I
20. care? Either way I'll miss my share.

Under this loop of honeysuckle,
A hungry, hairy caterpillar,
I crawl on my high and swinging seat,
And eat, eat, eat—as one ought to eat.

Please answer these questions. Look at the poem again if you need to. You should choose the **best** answer and mark its letter on your answer sheet.

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What word best describes the mood of the poem?

- A playful
- B sorrowful
- C optimistic
- D cheerful
- E happy

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Where is the caterpillar crawling?

- A on a helter-skelter
- B on a swing
- C on the ground
- D under a honeysuckle leaf
- E under a cloudy sky

There are 14 additional questions in this section.

In this passage there are some mistakes in the use of **punctuation** or **capital letters**. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter on your answer sheet. If there is no mistake, choose option N on your answer sheet.

A Popular Schoolgirl

42 if Egbert exceeded the speed limit, he certainly had the excuse of a clear road
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43 before him. In the course of an hour they had covered a considerable number of
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There are 7 more questions in this section.

Glossary

exceeded	go beyond what is allowed
extinct	no longer in existence
fossilized	preserve an organism so that it becomes a fossil
honeysuckle	a type of shrub, vine or garden plant
publisher	a person or company that prepares and issues books for sale
reconstruction	a thing that has been rebuilt after being damaged
sauntering	walk in a slow, relaxed manner, without hurry or effort
translated	expressed in another language
unearthed	find something in the ground by digging

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All answers are provided in the full version.

English Paper - Answer Sheet

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