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Paper 2 Reading

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1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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Answer **all** questions in **both** Section 1 and Section 2.

The Insert contains the two reading passages.

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- 2 Re-read paragraphs 1 and 6, and identify and write down **one** opinion from paragraph 1 and **two** opinions from paragraph 6.

Paragraph 1

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Paragraph 6

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Paragraph 6

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[3]

[Total marks for Section 1: 25]

Section 2: Reading for Meaning

Read **Passage 2**, *Lila*, in the Insert and answer **all** the questions below.

From paragraph 1

- 3 (a) What did the girls do which showed they had become good friends?

.....[1]

- (b) 'Lila inexplicably but intentionally pushed my doll through the opening in the grating and dropped her.' Explain **in your own words** what the writer thinks about Lila's behaviour at this point.

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.....[2]

From paragraph 2

- 4 (a) The writer knew that Lila was 'mean'. Give **one** word used in the paragraph which reinforces this idea.

.....[1]

- (b) The writer held back her 'feelings on the edges of moistening eyes'. What is she determined to do?

.....[1]

From paragraph 3

- 5 (a) What were the 'two agonies' felt by the writer?

(i)

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(ii)

.....[2]

- (b) The writer says 'What you do, I do.' Give **one** word used in the paragraph which shows that this was something Lila usually said.

.....[1]

From paragraph 4

- 6 'Any child would be tempted, but at the same time terrified, by the thought of forcing the door'. Explain **in your own words** how the children felt about the cellar.

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.....[2]

From paragraph 5

- 7 Why were the objects in the cellar 'unidentifiable'?

.....[1]

From paragraph 6

- 8 (a) What was the 'disobedient act' carried out by Lila and the writer?

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.....[1]

- (b) Lila took the writer's hand because she knew the writer lacked 'courage' to go to the top floor. What was the **one** other reason for Lila's action?

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.....[1]

From paragraph 7

- 9 'Lila was speaking to him like that'. Apart from her confidence, what does this tell you about Lila's behaviour?

.....[1]

From paragraph 8

- 10 Explain why the girls are surprised by Achille's reaction to their visit.

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.....[2]

11 From paragraphs 2–7 inclusive

For each of the words or phrases below, circle the letter (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) which has the same meaning that the word or phrase has in the passage.

(a) **intolerable** (line 6)

A unwanted **B** unbearable **C** unnatural **D** unwelcome [1]

(b) **attached to** (line 6)

A linked with **B** related to **C** fond of **D** stuck with [1]

(c) **crudely** (line 18)

A roughly **B** incorrectly **C** insufficiently **D** weakly [1]

(d) **briskly** (line 31)

A busily **B** quickly **C** carefully **D** eagerly [1]

(e) **bewilderment** (line 41)

A amusement **B** surprise **C** disappointment **D** confusion [1]

12 Re-read paragraph 5, which contains phrases about the behaviour or feelings of the writer.

Explain:

- the **meaning** of the phrases as they are used in the passage
 - the **effect** of the phrases as they are used in the passage.
- (a) 'with Lila in the lead, we descended five stone steps into a damp, dimly lit space. I tried to stay close behind Lila' (lines 21–22)

Meaning:

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Effect:

..... [2]

- (b) 'with a tug at my heart I bent over to grab her, but it was only a crumpled page of an old newspaper' (lines 27–28)

Meaning:

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Effect:

..... [2]

[Total marks for Section 2: 25]

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