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## Comprehension 11+ Practice Paper



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## Child Instructions

- Please complete this exam paper using pencil only.
- Mark all of your answers on the separate answer sheet provided.
- If you cannot answer a question, do not panic, simply move on and return to it later.
- Rub out any errors on your answer sheet. Do not cross them out.
- **Ask an adult to time you for 10 minutes.**
- You must not talk during the test.

## Child Details

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Marking Criteria

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Out of 10

Percentage \_\_\_\_\_ %

Read through the text below, then answer the questions that follow.

## First Day

5 Maisy held her breath and took her first step across the threshold of Prince Edmund's. The tall, grey stones loomed over her as she turned to wave goodbye to her beaming family. Suppressing the tears that threatened to rise up, she composed herself and turned back around to face the dark hallway that swallowed her up the moment she walked inside. The stone walls made the air around her ghostly cold and the wooden floor creaked with each step she made. As her eyes found the light, she noticed a long line of drab lockers lining the nearest corridor. Standing still, she realised this was it; she was on her own now.

10 Gathering courage, she navigated the long walkways until she found the room number that was written at the top of her letter. Maisy stopped at the door as her stomach filled with butterflies; her heart quickened and she felt sick. She looked at her watch and saw that she was still early. Standing on her tiptoes, she craned her neck to look through the grimy window at the top of the door. As she peeked in, a pair of eyes darted to meet hers. She ducked down, willing herself to run away. It was then that she heard a creak behind her, followed by two footsteps.

20 "There you are!" a bright voice said. Maisy turned and saw a speckled face hiding behind thick-rimmed glasses that had fallen halfway down the nose on which they rested.

25 "Peter!" Maisy cried, and hugged her ally tightly. She felt relieved to see a friendly face amongst the bodies streaming past.

30 Peter pulled her into the classroom and Maisy saw many recognisable faces from her year group back at Prairie Primary School. She finally released her breath and shrugged her bag off her shoulders. She gave a timid smile to the faces she recognised and sat down at the back of the room next to Peter.

35 An old woman walked into the room. She was wearing thin heels that clapped the floor with every step whilst in her wrinkled hands she held a pile of books that she laid down on her desk. Around her neck she wore a pair of glasses on a chain, and her aged face wore a kind smile with twinkling bright blue eyes. When she spoke, her voice was as smooth as melted butter. Maisy smiled. Mrs James was just who Maisy needed.

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## Questions

Choose your answer from A-D below. Mark the letter which goes with your choice on the answer sheet.

1) What is an example of personification in paragraph 1? (1 mark)

- A** The tall, grey stones loomed over her
- B** The stone walls made the air around her ghostly cold
- C** Suppressing the tears
- D** The dark hallway that swallowed her up

2) On line 4, the word 'composed' is used. What does this mean as it is used here? (1 mark)

- A** She turned herself around.
- B** She stopped crying.
- C** She calmed herself down.
- D** She sang to herself.

3) What is the name of the school she went to before? (1 mark)

- A** Prince Edmund's
- B** Prairie Place
- C** Prairie Primary School
- D** Prince Edmund's School

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4) Who is Peter? (1 mark)

- A** Maisy's friend
- B** Maisy's enemy
- C** Maisy's colleague
- D** Someone Maisy doesn't know

5) On lines 17-18, the writer has written 'willing herself to run away'. What does this mean? (1 mark)

- A** She ran away.
- B** She couldn't run away.
- C** She wanted to run away.
- D** She forced herself to run away.

6) On lines 39-40, what does 'Mrs James was just who Maisy needed' mean? (1 mark)

- A** Maisy needs a new teacher.
- B** Maisy needed some help from Mrs James.
- C** They knew each other.
- D** Mrs James helped settle Maisy's nerves

7) On which line(s) is the simile in this text? (1 mark)

- A** Line 16
- B** Line 21
- C** Line 5
- D** Lines 38-39

8) On lines 29-30 it says 'she finally released her breath.' What does the writer mean by this? (1 mark)

- A** Maisy had been holding it since line 1 and finally started to breathe again.
- B** Maisy feels relieved.
- C** Maisy stopped breathing.
- D** Maisy blew air out.

9) Where is this story situated?

- A** In a hotel
- B** In a secondary school
- C** In a primary school
- D** In a city

10) Which 2 words suggest that Maisy feels overwhelmed in paragraph 1?

- A** Beaming and goodbye
- B** Creaked and cold .
- C** Loomed and tears
- D** Tears and light

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Record all of your answers on this answer sheet.

Example  A  B  C  D

### Comprehension

Mark your answer from A-D below.

1.  A  B  C  D

2.  A  B  C  D

3.  A  B  C  D

4.  A  B  C  D

5.  A  B  C  D

6.  A  B  C  D

7.  A  B  C  D

8.  A  B  C  D

9.  A  B  C  D

10.  A  B  C  D

### Comprehension

1. D
2. C
3. C
4. A
5. C
6. D
7. D
8. B
9. B
10. C