

## Stage 2 Homework 13

### English Section One - Comprehension Passage

Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions below. The passage is from "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Brontë.

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There was no possibility of taking a walk that day. We had been wandering, indeed, in the leafless shrubbery an hour in the morning; but since dinner (Mrs. Reed, when there was no company, dined early) the cold winter wind had brought with it clouds so sombre, and a rain so penetrating, that further out-door exercise was now out of the question.

I was glad of it; I never liked long walks, especially on chilly afternoons: dreadful to me was the coming home in the raw twilight, with nipped fingers and toes, and a heart saddened by the chidings of Bessie, the nurse, and humbled by the consciousness of my physical inferiority to Eliza, John, and Georgiana Reed.

5 The said Eliza, John, and Georgiana were now clustered round their mama in the drawing-room: she lay reclined on a sofa by the fireside, and with her darlings about her (for the time neither quarrelling nor crying) looked perfectly happy. Me, she had dispensed from joining the group, saying, "She regretted to be under the necessity of keeping me at a distance; but that until she heard from Bessie, and could discover by her own observation, that I was endeavouring in good earnest to acquire a more sociable and childlike disposition, a more attractive and sprightly manner—something lighter, franker, more natural as it were—she really must exclude me from privileges intended only for contented, happy little children."

"What does Bessie say I have done?" I asked.

"Jane, I don't like cavillers or questioners; besides, there is something truly forbidding in a child taking up her elders in that manner. Be seated somewhere; and until you can speak pleasantly, remain silent."

10 A small breakfast-room adjoined the drawing-room; I slipped in there. It contained a bookcase: I soon possessed myself of a volume, taking care that it should be one stored with pictures. I mounted into the window-seat; gathering up my feet, I sat cross-legged, like a Turk; and having drawn the red moreen curtain nearly close, I was shrined in double retirement.

Folds of scarlet drapery shut in my view to the right hand; to the left were the clear panes of glass, protecting but not separating me from the drear November day. At intervals, while turning over the leaves of my book, I studied the aspect of that winter afternoon.

Farther off, beyond the grounds, a bleak hill, with a bell hanging over it, and beyond that, a long tract of sky, marred by a few low, black clouds, swept before a wind carrying them all one way.

15 I returned to my book—Bewick's "History of British Birds": the letterpress thereof I cared little for, generally speaking; and yet there were certain introductory pages that, child as I was, I could not pass quite as a blank. They were those which treat of the haunts of sea-fowl; of "the solitary rocks and promontories" by them only inhabited.

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### Questions

*Answer the following questions by circling the correct letter for each one. Each question has only one right answer. You may refer back to the passage as often as you like.*

1. Why was Jane excluded from joining Mrs. Reed and her children?
  - A. She was physically ill and needed rest.
  - B. She preferred to be alone in the breakfast-room.
  - C. Mrs. Reed felt she lacked a sociable and childlike disposition.
  - D. She had misbehaved during dinner.
  - E. She was studying and didn't want to be disturbed.
  
2. The phrase "humbled by the consciousness of my physical inferiority to Eliza, John, and Georgiana Reed" [Line 4] suggests that Jane felt:
  - A. Proud of her athletic abilities.
  - B. Ashamed of being less robust than her cousins.
  - C. Superior to her cousins in strength.
  - D. Unconcerned about physical activities.
  - E. Angry at her cousins for mocking her.
  
3. In the passage, Jane seeks refuge in the window-seat because:
  - A. She wants to watch the rain.
  - B. She is hiding from Bessie.
  - C. She desires a private space to read.
  - D. She is playing a game with her cousins.
  - E. She is punished and must stay there.
  
4. The book Jane chooses to read is:
  - A. A novel filled with exciting adventures.

- B. A volume of fairy tales with illustrations.
- C. Bewick's "History of British Birds" with pictures.
- D. A book assigned by her tutor.
- E. An atlas containing maps of distant lands.

5. Jane describes the day outside the window as:

- A. Bright and cheerful with clear skies.
- B. A typical summer afternoon.
- C. A dreary November day with bleak hills and black clouds.
- D. A stormy day with thunder and lightning.
- E. A snowy landscape filled with activity.

6. The phrase "I was shrouded in double retirement" [Line 11] most closely means:

- A. She felt trapped and wanted to escape.
- B. She was hidden away both physically and emotionally.
- C. She was sitting in a small shrine praying.
- D. She was twice as lonely as before.
- E. She was preparing to sleep in the window-seat.

7. Which literary device is used in the description "the wind carrying them all one way" [Line 14]?

- A. Simile.
- B. Metaphor.
- C. Personification.
- D. Hyperbole.
- E. Onomatopoeia.

8. Jane's attitude toward the book's "introductory pages" suggests that:

- A. She finds them boring and skips them.

- B. She is too young to understand them.
- C. She is surprisingly interested in their content.
- D. She dislikes reading altogether.
- E. She only cares about the pictures.

9. The overall mood of the passage can best be described as:

- A. Joyful and carefree.
- B. Tense and suspenseful.
- C. Reflective and sombre.
- D. Exciting and adventurous.
- E. Angry and confrontational.

10. Which of the following best captures the theme presented in this passage?

- A. The excitement of outdoor activities.
- B. The comfort found in solitude and reading.
- C. The importance of family gatherings.
- D. The fear of being punished by elders.
- E. The thrill of exploring new places.

### English Section Two (Part A)

#### Poem

Read the poem below carefully at least twice.

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**"Hope is the Thing with Feathers"**

*By Emily Dickinson*

Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the words,  
And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;  
And sore must be the storm  
That could abash the little bird  
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land,  
And on the strangest sea;  
Yet, never, in extremity,  
It asked a crumb of me.

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**Questions**

1. Write a paragraph about how the poet describes hope and why it is significant in the poem.

*(You are advised to write one paragraph but no more than half a side of A4 for your answer.)*

2. Explain carefully what you understand by the following quotations.

(a) **"Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,"**

(b) **"And sweetest in the gale is heard;"**

*(You are advised to write one paragraph but no more than a quarter of a side of A4 for your answer.)*

**English Section Two (Part B)**

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Write about a time when you faced a difficult challenge that required you to think differently or change your perspective. You should include:

- A description of the challenge and why it was hard for you
- A specific moment or conversation that helped you look at things in a new way
- How overcoming this challenge has influenced the way you approach other problems

You can plan your work in any way that you find helpful (spidergram/brainstorm/bullet points) before you start writing.

Remember to check and correct your work before the end of the test.

(You are advised to write in pen at least two paragraphs but no more than one side of A4 for your answer.)

**Maths**

Question 1:

If  $\frac{3}{5}$  of a number is 24, what is the number?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 2:

Find a fraction between 0.65 and 0.7.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 3:

Calculate  $250,000 / (25^2)$ .

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 4:

How many numbers between 1 and 100 are divisible by both 2 and 5?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 5:

Three numbers have a mean of 15 and a range of 10. If the smallest number is 10, what is the product of the three numbers?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 6:

In a class of 40 students, 28 study French, 18 study Spanish, and 10 study both. How many students study neither French nor Spanish?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 7:

If 5 kg of potatoes cost £7.50, how much do 12 kg cost?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 8:

A rectangle has an area of  $54 \text{ cm}^2$ , and the ratio of its length to width is 3:2. Find the perimeter of the rectangle.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 9:

Anna has £60 in total. She gives £ $x$  to Ben and keeps twice as much as she gives him. How much money does she give to Ben?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 10:

Plot the points (2,2), (5,2), (5,6), and (2,6) on a coordinate grid. What shape do they form?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 11:



Using the digits 1, 3, 4, and 6, create the largest possible four-digit number divisible by 4.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 12:

Find the next number in the sequence: 3, 7, 13, 21, 31, \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 13:

A bag contains red, blue, and green balls in the ratio 2:3:5. If there are 20 green balls, how many balls are there in total?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 14:

A train travels 240 km at a constant speed of 80 km/h. How long does the journey take?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 15:

Express  $\frac{5}{6}$  as a sum of unit fractions.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 16:

Emma starts reading a 120-page book on Monday. She reads 15 pages each day. On which day will she finish the book?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 17:

A grid has 25 squares. If the ratio of shaded to unshaded squares is 2:3, how many squares are shaded?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 18:

In a bouquet, the ratio of daisies to sunflowers to roses is 3:4:5. What is the minimum total number of flowers in the bouquet?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 19:

Stamps cost 60p each. With £12, how many stamps can you buy?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 20:

If  $9 \times 9 = 81$ , what is  $90 \times 9$ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 21:

A parking lot has 50 vehicles consisting of cars, motorcycles, and bicycles. There are twice as many motorcycles as bicycles, and the number of cars is 10 more than the number of

motorcycles. How many cars are there?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 22:

If A weighs 1 kg, B weighs 2 kg, C weighs 3 kg, and so on, what is the total weight of the word 'FACE'?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 23:

In a pie chart representing favourite sports, football is 40%, basketball is 25%, and the rest is other sports. What percentage represents other sports, and what is the corresponding angle in the pie chart?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Question 24:

A plant has 500 leaves. Each day, it loses 20% of its leaves. How many leaves are left after one day?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 25:

A number machine adds 5 to the input number and then multiplies the result by 2 to give the output. If the output is 24, what was the input?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 26:

In a company of 60 employees,  $\frac{1}{3}$  take the bus,  $\frac{1}{2}$  drive, and the rest walk. How many employees walk?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 27:

A rope is 14.7 meters long. Rounded to the nearest meter, how long is the rope, and if it is cut into 3 equal pieces, how long is each piece?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Question 28:

Calculate the perimeter and area of an L-shaped figure composed of two rectangles, one measuring 8 cm by 4 cm and the other measuring 4 cm by 4 cm, attached along the sides.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 29:

A cylinder has a height of 12 cm and a circumference of 10 cm. What is the surface area of its curved side?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 30:

Three pentagons, each with sides of length 5 cm, are joined edge to edge in a straight line. What is the perimeter of the resulting shape?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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