

**THE ENGLISH SCHOOL**  
**ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS 2013**



**ENGLISH**

**Year 1 (native speakers)**

**Time allowed: 1 hour and 15 minutes**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. ANSWER **ALL** THE QUESTIONS IN THE SPACES PROVIDED ON THE QUESTION PAPER.
2. MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
3. WRITE NEATLY.
4. WRITE IN GOOD ENGLISH.



This paper is 12 pages. Total marks: 100



**SECTION A:**

**Evaluating writing skills** through Creative Writing (30 marks)

*You are advised to spend **about 30 minutes** on this section.*

Choose **ONE** of the following questions and write about **220- 250 words**. Keep in mind the importance of

- *vocabulary*
- *expression*
- *accuracy*
- *planning*
- *content*

*Write an interesting beginning and a good closing paragraph. Give vivid descriptions of place, characters, feelings and thoughts.*

1. Read the extract from a poem below and, based on the messages and ideas you get from it, write about an experience you have had (it could be an imaginary experience).

**A friend is like a flower,  
a rose to be exact,  
Or maybe like a brand new gate  
that never comes unlatched.  
A friend is like an owl,  
both beautiful and wise.  
Or perhaps a friend is like a ghost,  
whose spirit never dies.  
A friend is like a heart that goes  
strong until the end.**

OR

2. **Write what happened on a day when you found a blue envelope on your doorstep.**



OR







## Section B

### Reading Comprehension and Usage (55 marks)

Read the text below and complete the tasks that follow:

From “The *Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar*” by Roald Dahl. Roald Dahl is one of the most successful and well known of all children’s writers. His books are read by children the world over.



Henry Sugar was forty-one years old and unmarried. He was also wealthy. He was wealthy because he had had a rich father who was now dead. He was unmarried because he was too selfish to share any of his money with a wife.

He was six feet two inches tall, but he wasn’t really as good-looking as he thought he was. He paid a great deal of attention to his clothes. He went to an expensive tailor for his suits, to a shirt maker for his shirts, and to a boot maker for his shoes.

He used a costly aftershave lotion on his face, and he kept his hands soft with a cream that contained turtle oil. His hairdresser trimmed his hair once every ten days, and he always took a manicure at the same time.

His upper front teeth had been capped at incredible expense because the originals had had a rather nasty yellowish tinge. A small mole had been removed from his left cheek by a plastic surgeon. He drove a Ferrari car which must have cost him about the same as a country cottage.

He lived in London in the summer, but as soon as the first frosts appeared in October, he was off to the West Indies or the South of France, where he stayed with friends. All his friends were wealthy from **inherited money**.

Henry had never done a day’s work in his life, and his **personal motto**, which he had invented himself, was this: *It is better to incur a mild rebuke than to perform an onerous task*. His friends thought this was hilarious.

Men like Henry Sugar are to be found drifting like sea-weed all over the world. They can be seen especially in London, New York, Paris, Nassau, Montego Bay, Cannes and St Tropez. They are not particularly bad men. But they are not good men either. They are of no real importance. They are simply a part of the decoration.

All of them, all wealthy people of this type, have one peculiarity in common: they have a **terrific urge** to make themselves still wealthier than they already are. The million is never enough. Nor is the two million. Always, they have this **insatiable** longing to get more money. And that is because they live in constant terror of waking up one morning and finding there’s nothing in the bank.

These people all employ the same methods for trying to increase their fortunes. They buy stocks and shares, and watch them going up and down. They play roulette and blackjack for high stakes in

casinos. They bet on horses. They bet on just about everything. Henry Sugar had once staked a thousand pounds on the result of a tortoise race on Lord Liverpool's tennis lawn. And he had wagered double that sum with a man called Esmond Hanbury on an even sillier bet, which was as follows: they let Henry's dog out into the garden and they watched it through the window. But before the dog was let out, each man had to guess beforehand what would be the first object the dog would lift its leg against. Would it be a wall, a post, a bush or a tree? Esmond chose a wall. Henry, who had been studying his dog's habits for days with a view to making this particular bet, chose a tree, and he won the money.

With ridiculous games such as these did Henry and his friends try to conquer the **deadly boredom** of being both idle and wealthy.

Henry himself, as you may have noticed, was not above cheating a little on these friends of his if he saw the chance. The bet with the dog was definitely not honest. Nor, if you want to know, was the bet on the tortoise race. Henry cheated on that one by secretly forcing a little sleeping-pill powder into the mouth of his **opponent's** tortoise an hour before the race.

And now that you've got a rough idea of the sort of person Henry Sugar was, I can begin my story.....

*Rebuke= to tell off*

*Onerous= difficult, unpleasant*

Complete the following tasks using full sentences and in your own words as far as possible.

1. Write three things about Henry Sugar's appearance.

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(3 marks)

2. Write down three things about Henry Sugar that you have learnt from the passage.

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(3 marks)

3. Explain the meaning of the following words/phrases in bold as they are used in the text:

- **Inherited money** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Personal motto** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Terrific urge** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Insatiable** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Opponent** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Deadly boredom** \_\_\_\_\_

(6 marks)

4. True or false? Write whether these statements are true or false in the space provided.

- None of Henry's friends were wealthy \_\_\_\_\_
- All wealthy people have the urge to make more money \_\_\_\_\_
- Rich people don't all make money in the same way \_\_\_\_\_
- Henry Sugar liked to place bets \_\_\_\_\_
- Henry Sugar earned all his money \_\_\_\_\_

(5 marks)

5. Why did Henry Sugar leave London every year in October?

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(2 marks)



6. What types of bets did Henry Sugar and his friends make? Write down three, each on a separate line.

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(3 marks)

7. Explain the meaning of Henry Sugar's personal motto as you understand it and in your own words: *It is better to incur a mild rebuke than to perform an onerous task.*

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(3 marks)

8. Why do you think that Henry's friends found this motto funny?

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(2 marks)



12. Write the feminine word for the masculine nouns on the line provided:

- Waiter \_\_\_\_\_.
- Emperor \_\_\_\_\_.
- Host \_\_\_\_\_.
- Actor \_\_\_\_\_.
- Widower \_\_\_\_\_.

(5 marks)

13. Form the plurals of these nouns and write the answer on the line provided:

- Chief \_\_\_\_\_
- Diary \_\_\_\_\_
- Journey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mosquito \_\_\_\_\_
- Elf \_\_\_\_\_

(5 marks)





