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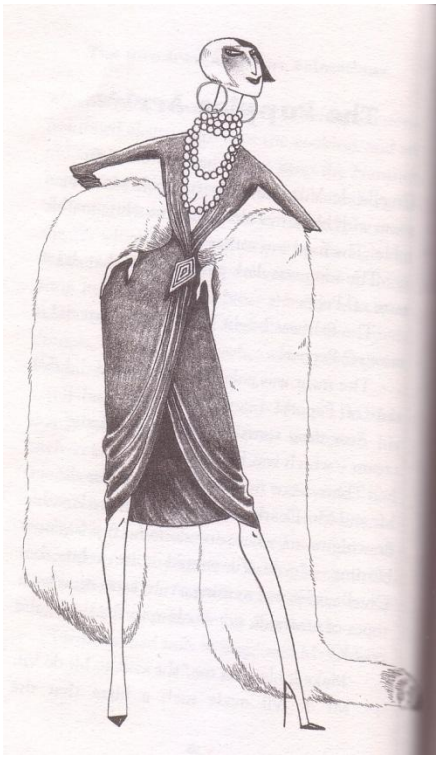
7+ Comprehension & Composition

SPECIMEN PAPER

Time allowed: 1 hour

Total marks: 50



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SECTION A – COMPREHENSION (40 MINS) (35 marks)
The passage below is from *The Hundred and One Dalmatians*. One warm evening, Mr and Mrs Dearly, a newly-married young couple living in London, are invited to dinner by the unusual Cruella de Vil.

Read the passage CAREFULLY and then answer the questions.

Cruella de Vil's dinner party took place in a room with black marble walls, on a white marble table. The food was rather unusual.

The soup was dark purple. And what did it taste of? Pepper!

The fish was bright green. And what did it taste of? Pepper!

The meat was pale blue. And what did that taste of? Pepper!

Everything tasted of pepper, even the ice-cream – which was black.

After dinner, Mr and Mrs Dearly sat panting in the red marble drawing-room, where an enormous fire was now burning. Mr de Vil panted quite a bit, too. Cruella, who was wearing a ruby satin dress with ropes of emeralds, got as close to the fire as she could.

'Make it blaze for me,' she said, to Mr de Vil.

Mr de Vil made such a blaze that the Dearleys thought that the chimney would catch fire.

'Lovely, lovely,' said Cruella, clapping her hands with delight. 'Ah, but the flames never last long enough!' The minute they died down a little, she shivered and huddled herself in her absolutely simple white mink cloak.

Mr and Mrs Dearly left as early as they felt was polite.

'What a strange name de Vil is,' said Mr Dearly. 'If you put the two words together, they make "devil". Perhaps Cruella's a lady-devil! Perhaps that is why she likes things so hot!'

Mrs Dearly smiled, for she knew he was only joking.

Read the passage again carefully, and then answer the questions that follow in <u>full sentences</u>.

1. What colour are the walls and the table in the room where the dinner party takes place? (lines 1-2) (2 marks)

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2. What are the walls and table made of? (lines 1-2) (2 marks)

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3. What two things are unusual about the ice cream? (line 10) (2 marks)

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4. What colour is the drawing-room where the Dearlys and de Vils go after dinner? (line 11) (1 marks)

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5. How do Mr and Mrs Dearly and Mr de Vil behave differently from Cruella in the drawing-room? (lines 12-15) (4 marks)

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6. What do the Dearleys fear will happen in the drawing-room? (lines 19-20) (2 marks)

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7. What you think the sentence 'Mr and Mrs Dearly left as early as they *felt was polite*' means? (line 26) (2 marks)

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8. What does Mr Dearly find strange about the surname *de Vil*? (lines 29-31) (2 marks)

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9. The passage says that Mrs Dearly smiled 'for she knew [her husband] was *only joking'*. (line 32) Do you think that he was? (3 marks)

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10. **Read the whole passage again.**

What does it tell you about the sort of person Cruella de Vil is? (Chose words from the passage to explain your views.)

You might consider her home, the food she serves, her clothes, words, behaviour, and how others respond to her. (15 marks)

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SECTION B – COMPOSITION (20 MINS)

Write a story entitled <u>The Strange Visitor</u>

(15 marks)

- Use the picture below to help you.
- Describe what the visitor looks like and how he behaves.
- Write in full sentences, using capital letters and full stops.
- Write in paragraphs.
- Don't write a long story; writing an interesting one – thinking carefully about the words you choose.

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Now read your story over and check it for mistakes.

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