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Scholarship Paper 2026

Subject: English Paper 2

Time: 1 Hour

You must have:
Pen

Total Marks
45

Instructions:

- Use **black** ink or a ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name.
- Answer the questions in the answer sheets provided**.**
  - *There may be more space than you need.*

Information:

- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets.
- This examination is **1-hour** long.
- The paper is divided into two sections:
- Section A: Reading and Section B: Letter Writing.
- Answer ONE question from Section B.
- Handwriting and presentation are important.

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Part A: Reading

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

From 'Samphire'

'It is a clump of samphire, Molly,' he said; then louder, half turning, 'Molly, it is samphire, I said it was samphire didn't I?' He had a high, rather **unmasculine** voice, and he emphasized his words.
His wife did not reply, although she had heard him the first time. The round of her chin was trembling like a child's before it cries: there was something in her throat so strong that she could not have spoken it if it had been for her life.
She stepped a little closer, feeling cautiously for a firm foothold, and she was right on him and she caught the smell of his hairy tweed jacket. He straightened so suddenly that he brushed against her. 'Hey, look out,' he said, 'I almost trod on your foot. Yes, it was samphire. I said so as soon as I saw it from down there. Have a look.'
She could not answer, so she knelt and crawled to the edge. Heights terrified her, always had. She could not close her eyes; that only made it worse. She stared unseeing, while the brilliant air and the sea and the noise of the sea **assaulted h**er terrified mind and she **clung insanely** to the thin grass. Three times he pointed it out, and the third time she heard him so as to be able to understand his words. '... fleshy leaves. You see the fleshy leaves? They used them for pickles. Samphire pickles!' He laughed, excited by the wind, and put his hand on her shoulder. Even then, she **writhed away**, covering it by getting up and returning to the path.

He followed her. 'You noted the fleshy leaves, didn't you, Molly? They allow the plant to store its nourishment. Like a cactus. Our native cactus, I said it was samphire at once, didn't I, although I have never actually seen it before. We could almost get it with a stick.' He was pleased with her for having looked over, and said that she was coming along very well: she remembered - didn't she? - how he had had to persuade her and persuade her to come up even the smallest cliff at first, how he had even to be a little firm. And now there she was going up the highest of them all, **as bold as brass**; and it was quite a dangerous cliff too, he said, with a keen glance out to sea, jutting his chin; but there she was as bold as brass looking over the top of it. He had been quite right insisting, hadn't he? It was worth it when you were there, wasn't it? Between these questions he waited for a reply, a 'yes' or hum of agreement. If he had not insisted she would always have stayed down there on the beach, wouldn't she? Like a lazy puss. He said, wagging his finger to show that he was not quite in earnest, that she should always listen to her Lacey (this was a pet name that he had coined for himself). Lacey was her lord and master, wasn't he? Love, honor, and obey?

Samphire a fleshy-leaved plant

Answer the following questions
Use quotes to support your answer
Write at least 2 analytical paragraphs

1. How does the writer use imagery and sensory detail to convey Molly's intense fear of heights in this passage? **10 marks**

2. What impression do we get of the husband from his behaviour and speech, and how does the writer create this impression? **10 marks**

Section B Directed Writing

EITHER

1. You recently saw a photograph of an important school occasion. In the photograph you saw something which surprised or worried you. You decide to write a letter to your friend about this. Write your letter. You must include the following:

- The occasion and where the photograph was taken.
- What you saw in the photograph which surprised or worried you.
- Why you are so concerned about this.
- What you think should be done about it.

You must cover all four points in detail. You should add further details if you wish and make sure your letter expresses your feelings clearly.
You should begin

"Dear…." And end your letter appropriately.

OR

2. You recently attended a wedding. Unfortunately, your aunt missed the occasion, and she wants you to write her a letter to tell her about everything that happened. Write your letter. You must include the following:

- The names of both people getting married.
- A description of where the wedding took place
- An account of the ceremony
- What you thought was the most interesting moment

You must cover all four points in detail. You should add further details if you wish and make your letter friendly and informative.

Start your letter 'Dear Aunt,'

Content /15

Style /10