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The Latymer School

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION



ENGLISH PAPER

Part 1 Reading (30 minutes)

Read the extract provided and answer the questions which follow using full sentences where appropriate. Please be careful about spelling and punctuation in your answers.

The marks for each question are indicated, and are there to help you.

Part 2 Writing (30 minutes)

The writing section of the paper will ask you to continue the story using a similar style to the writer of the extract.

You will be told when you have 30 minutes left.

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Write your answers in the spaces provided after each question. If you run out of space for an answer use the space provided at the end of this booklet, numbering your answers carefully.

3. The word **'resolute'** means firm. **On line 16**, the writer uses this word to describe the narrator. What image of the narrator does this create for the reader?

The word 'resolute' makes the narrator seem

[1 mark]

4. Looking at **paragraph 2** that begins **'I packed, therefore, such goods,'** explain in your own words what the narrator does once on the island.

[1 mark]

5. Decide whether the following statements are true or false and put a tick in the correct box.

	True	False
The roc bird is frightened of the snakes		
The first island has no water on it		
Once on the island, the narrator regrets his decision to leave Bagdad		

[3 marks]

6. Using the information in the paragraph that begins, **"Sure enough the bird settled slowly down upon it"** identify **3 phrases** that shows that the bird is impressive.

i.
ii.
iii.

[3 marks]

7. The narrator **remembers that he has often heard sailors talk of the roc bird before**. Explain what impression of the roc bird is created for the reader by this piece of information?

[1 mark]

8. Using the information in the paragraph that begins, **'The valley in which I found myself was deep and narrow,'** identify two adjectives that the writer has used to describe the diamonds.

i.
ii.

[2 marks]

9. In the paragraph that begins **'Alone on this strange and remote island,'** What phrase does the writer use to suggest the narrator's regret about being on the island at all?

[1 mark]

10. Look again at this description of the narrator.

'I had resolved, as you know, on my return from my first sea voyage, to spend the rest of my days quietly in Bagdad, but very soon I grew tired of such an idle life and longed once more to find myself upon the enigmatic water discovering the world's mysteries and hidden treasures.'

Think of **3 different adjectives of your own** that **you** could use to describe the narrator here.

i.
ii.
iii.

[3 marks]

11. Write down the meaning of the following words. (They are underlined in the passage).

i. descending	
ii. desolate	
iii. subdued	

[3 marks]

12. Look again at the following two images (underlined in the passage) and explain in your own words the effect created by them.

Image	Effect
<i>I fell asleep, lulled by the murmur of a clear river which flowed close by</i>	
<i>The valley in which I found myself was deep and narrow, and surrounded by mountains which towered into the clouds</i>	

[2 marks for each explanation
4 marks available in total]

