



ALL IN ONE PLACE BASE CAMP HIGHGATE SCHOOL ENGLISH 11+ SAMPLE PAPER 1



INSTRUCTIONS

1. You have 60 minutes to spend on this paper.
2. Part 1: Comprehension and analysis – 40 minutes
3. Part 2: Creative writing – 20 minutes
4. Check your work thoroughly for any spelling, punctuation and grammar mistakes.



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MARK	Part 1 [25]	Part 2 [25]	Total [50]	Grade %



PART 1

Read the passage and then answer the questions.

This extract is from a novel called **The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The story is about a ten-year-old girl, Mary, who comes from a wealthy family. She has spent her life in India with her selfish parents. Her parents die of cholera and she is staying with another family to find out what will happen to her.

PARAGRAPH	
1	<p><i>Mary had liked to look at her mother from a distance, and she had thought her very pretty, but as she knew very little of her, she could scarcely have been expected to love her or to miss her very much when she was gone. She did not miss her at all, in fact, and as she was a self-absorbed child she gave her entire thought to herself, as she had always done. If she had been older she would no doubt have been very anxious at being left alone in the world, but she was very young, and as she had always been taken care of, she supposed she always would be. What she thought was that she would like to know if she was going to nice people, who would be polite to her and give her her own way as her Ayah and the other native servants had done.</i></p>
2	<p><i>She knew that she was not going to stay at the English clergyman's house where she was taken at first. She did not want to stay. The English clergyman was poor and he had five children all nearly the same age and they wore shabby clothes and were always quarrelling and snatching toys from each other. Mary hated their untidy bungalow and was so disagreeable to them that after the first day or two nobody would play with her. By the second day they had given her a nickname which made her furious. It was Basil who thought of it first. Basil was a little boy with impudent blue eyes and a turned up nose, and Mary hated him. She was playing by herself under a tree, just as she had been playing the day the cholera broke out. She was making heaps of earth and paths for a garden and Basil came and stood near to watch her.</i></p>
3	<p><i>Presently he got rather interested and suddenly made a suggestion.</i></p>



PARAGRAPH	
4	<i>'Why don't you put a heap of stones there and pretend it is a rockery?' he said. 'There in the middle,' and he leaned over her to point.</i>
5	<i>'Go away!' cried Mary. I don't want boys. Go away!</i>
6	<i>For a moment Basil looked angry, and then he began to tease. He was always teasing his sisters. He danced round and round her and made faces and sang and laughed.</i>
7	<i>Mistress Mary, quite contrary, How does your garden grow? With silver bells, and cockle shells, And marigolds all in a row.</i>
8	<i>He sang it until the other children heard and laughed, too; and the crosser Mary got, the more they sang 'Mistress Mary Quite Contrary'; and after that as long as she stayed with them they called her 'Mistress Mary Quite Contrary' when they spoke of her to each other, and often when they spoke to her.</i>
9	<i>'You are going to be sent home,' Basil said to her, 'at the end of the week. And we're glad of it.' 'I am glad of it, too' answered Mary. 'Where is home?'</i>
10	<i>'She doesn't know where home is!' said Basil, with seven-year-old scorn. It's England, of course. Our grandmamma lives there, and our sister Mabel was sent to her last year. You are not going to your grandmamma. You have none. You are going to your uncle.'</i>

SPEND NO LONGER THAN 40 MINUTES ON THIS SECTION. THIS INCLUDES THE TIME YOU TAKE TO READ THE PASSAGE AND CHECK YOUR ANSWERS.



Question 3

In paragraph 7, you find out the nickname that Basil gives Mary. Why did Basil choose that particular nickname? Use two words or phrases from the paragraph in your explanation.

[4 marks]



Question 5

The following words are from the passage. Use each word in a new sentence that shows you understand the meaning of the word and that you can use it correctly. Write a different sentence for each word.

[3 marks]

<i>shabby</i>	
<i>native</i>	
<i>contrary</i>	

