

ENGLISH PAPER B. 2015

For questions 1-5 you were asked to write in **full** sentences. It could affect your marks if you didn't do this. Make sure that you do always read any instructions carefully.

1. "A Town By the Sea" would be a suitable title for this poem.

Obviously there were endless titles that you could have chosen, but the title had to reflect what the poem was about. Building, Imagination, A Rainy Day etc.

2. The palace of which the author speaks is in his home.

You had to write in a full sentence and show that you knew it was in the author's home to get full marks. You could pick up a point for describing where it was in the "town".

3. The "city" came into existence, because the poet built it using building blocks and his imagination.

Building blocks have to be mentioned to get full marks.

4. In the fifth verse, the poet knocked the building blocks down, demolishing the "town".

It was not enough to say that the town was knocked down. You had to show that you understood that the poet knocked it down. It is also not enough to say that it was "laid low" as this is just quoting the poem. This does not tell me that you understand what has happened.

5. The author is able to "see" the town again by remembering it and using his imagination.

6. In this task you should be adapting your style of writing to suit the task. I would expect a diary entry to have a chatty and informal tone. You can really have fun with this. You should be writing about how you have spent a rainy day. I do not want to read descriptions about the rain, I want to know what you have done. Do not feel that you have to write loads. It is better to focus on writing well.

I HATE the rain!!! Rain is sooooo annoying and stops me having fun! I was supposed to go to Chessington World of Adventures today, but my mum said we couldn't go, because of THE RAIN!!!!!!

Want to know what I did instead? I played Monopoly. How BORING!!!! My stupid brother kept buying everything and I kept landing on his houses. I was so fed up, but I knew if I quit that he would tease me and call me a bad loser. He is such an IDIOT!!!!

In the afternoon, Mum let me make chocolate cake-yummy!!!! I love chocolate cake. To be honest, I think she felt bad about not letting me go to Chessington (and she should feel bad). The cake was delicious, even if I say so myself. I decorated it with lots of sprinkles and lovely fresh strawberries. We are going to eat it after dinner.

Apart from Monopoly and cooking, I spent most of the day reading. I like reading, but it is not as good as going on Bubbleworks and Dragon's Fury at Chessington.

Anyway, got to go Diary, Mum is calling me for dinner. I will write to you again tomorrow.

7. To get the full marks for this you had to write in full sentences. You had to write clearly and concisely and you had to show that you understood the moral of the tale. Too many people wrote things like: "You should not trick people, because it might really happen". This does not make sense. What might really happen?

The moral point, that Aesop is making, is that you should not tell lies. If you tell lies, people will not trust you and then, even when you are telling the truth, people will not believe you.

8. You needed to write a tale with the same moral as Aesop's tale. If you misunderstood his moral then I did take this into account. You also needed to write your tale as a modern-day tale. Many people did not do these two things. Make sure that you always read the task carefully. You needed to write clearly and concisely, as the purpose of a moral tale is to make your point. This task was quite straightforward, because you could use the same structure as Aesop's tale.

Sarah was quite a greedy girl. She absolutely loved sweets. She would sit in her classroom day-dreaming about tangy lemon drops and scrumptious pineapple chunks, but she rarely had any money to buy them.

One day, as she was day-dreaming, she thought of a plan to be able to get some money to buy sweets.

When school ended that day, she approached her teacher and said, "Please Miss, I have lost my money for the bus home. Please could you give me some money for the bus?" Her teacher kindly gave her the money.

When the teacher was driving home she was surprised, and disappointed, to see Sarah walking home with a big bag of sweets in her hand.

A few weeks later, Sarah played the same trick on her teacher. Her teacher, who was a kind lady, decided to give Sarah the benefit of the doubt and gave her the money. Again she was disappointed to see Sarah walking home with a big bag of sweets.

The next week, Sarah's mum gave her some bus money. She told her that she needed to get the bus home and not walk, because she needed Sarah to be home in time to see her grandma who was visiting. Sarah was very excited because she did not get to see her grandma very often.

Unfortunately, that day at school Sarah really did lose her bus money. This time the teacher would not give her any money, because she simply did not trust Sarah any more. Sarah had to walk home. She did not get to see her grandma and she only had herself to blame.