



# PLYMOUTH COLLEGE

## ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION 2017

### ENGLISH

**1 Hour Allowed**

**Candidate's Name** .....

**Date of Birth** .....

**School** .....

1. Write your name, date of birth and current school in the spaces provided above.
2. Write all your answers for Sections A and B into this booklet.
3. Section A is worth 65 marks and Section B is worth 35 marks – so leave about half an hour for Section B – don't run out of time!
4. Read both sections of the paper through once or twice before starting to answer the questions.

## Section A

(65 marks)

### Question 1

(15 marks)

The extracts that follow are adapted from *Awful Auntie* by David Walliams. They are from the first chapter of the book.

Sometimes words are spelt wrongly or the wrong words have been used. Sometimes the grammar is wrong.

On the next page, carry on correcting the mistakes yourself. The mistakes have been underlined.

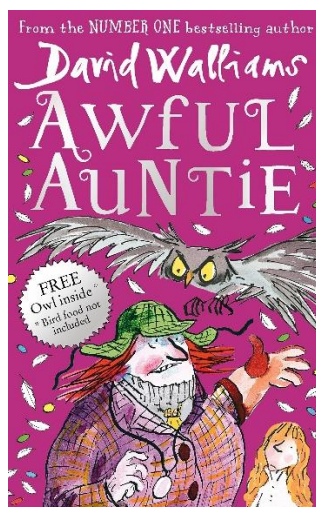
Below is an example that has been done to show you what to do:

*Was* *there*  
Wos there someone or something out their?

*raging* *snow*  
There was a blizzard rageing outside, and snowe swirled inside. Stella

*to* *weight* *fight* *gusts*  
ran too the doors, and with all her waite battled to fite the strong gustes

*Together* *closed*  
of wind. Tugetha, they clozed the doors shut.



Do you have a awful auntie? One of those that never alous you to stay up to watch your favrite television programme? Or an aunt who makes you eat up evry last spoonful of her revolting rhubarb crumble, even tho she nows you hate it? Maybe she gives her dog a big slobering wet kiss and then imidatly gives you a wet kiss to? Perhaps your aunt demands you ware that horrendously ichy jumper she nited for you at Christmas? The won which reeds 'I Love My Auntie' on the frunt?

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## Question 2

(5 marks)

**Now, as the story continues, find FIVE errors on your own that have not been underlined. Underline them and correct them.**

It were all a blur.

At first their were only colours. Then lines. Slowly threw the haze of Stella's

gaze the room eventually took shape. Her bedroom was one of many in this

vast country house. To her wright side stood her wardrobe, on her left

sat a tiny dressing table.

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**Question 3**

**(5 marks)**

The chapter continues and there are **FIVE** punctuation mistakes. Punctuation might be missing or it might be wrong. The mistakes have been underlined for you. Correct the mistakes.

stella looked out of the window. Wow" she exclaimed. All was white. Thick snow had fallen? It had covered everything in sight the long sloping lawn the huge deep lake, and the empty fields beyond the estate. Icicles hung from the branches of the trees. Stella had no idea what time it was. Was it early morning or late evening.

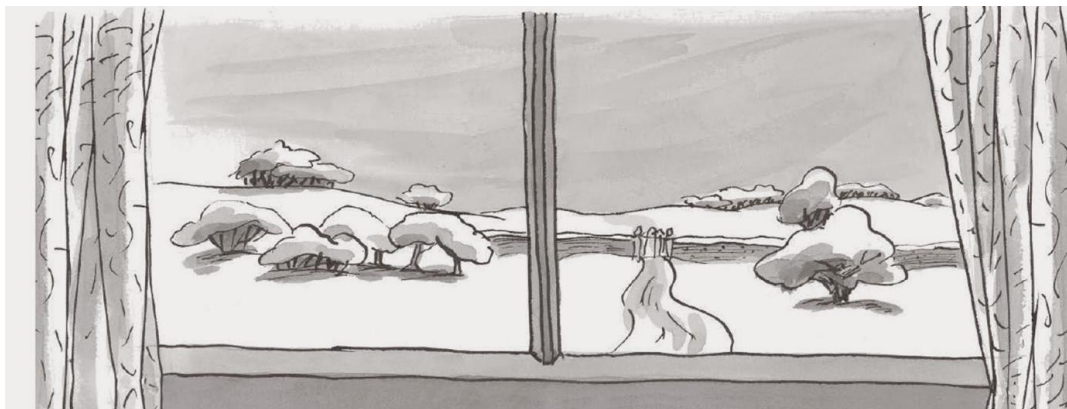
**Question 4**

**(10 marks)**

Now find **TEN** punctuation mistakes in the extract below where the punctuation is missing or wrong but has not been underlined. Underline these mistakes and correct them.

"How long have I been asleep please Auntie asked Stella. Aunt alberta took a long suck on her pipe and smiled. "oh just a few months child."

"Wow" said Stella



## Read the following passage before answering the questions which follow.

The passage is adapted from *Beetle Boy* by M.G.Leonard. In this passage, Darkus makes an unusual discovery outside his new house,

As Humphrey jumped back to avoid the cars, a gigantic black beetle dropped out of his trouser leg and landed on the road.

Darkus blinked and leant forward to get a better look. The beetle looked deadly -like a ninja warrior. A fierce tusk, sharp as a tiger's claw, stuck out of its head, flanked by two smaller horns on its thorax.

He looked about. No one seemed to have noticed the incredible insect that was now crawling towards him. Mr Patel was standing in the doorway of his shop with his arms crossed. He was scowling. Angry drivers were blasting their car horns taking no notice of the boy kneeling on the pavement. The beetle continued his advance towards Darkus, slowly and steadily, like a miniature tank.

As it got closer, Darkus realised it was easily the size of a hamster. He wanted to get closer, but it was so alien-looking that he was a bit scared to approach it. He didn't know if it might bite or sting - and that horn looked sharp. The giant insect had reached his feet, and before he could think about whether it was a good idea or not, he was reaching down to touch the tip of its horn. It was sharp.

"Whoah, you're cool!" he said, realising his heart was thumping in his chest.

Mesmerised, Darkus extended his hand and watched as the creature clambered up, stood still and looked at him expectantly. What surprised him was the weight of the insect -he'd assumed it would be light, but it felt solid and reassuring, like a pebble. He carefully lifted his hand. "Hello there."

Looking up from underneath, he could see the features of the beetle's face, He couldn't have said why but it somehow looked...friendly. Its bulbous eyes glistened like blackberries, and it was holding its mouth open as if it was trying to smile. Although the beetle appeared to be pitch black from above, underneath it had ginger hair sticking out from the gaps between its joints. It was almost cute.

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**Question 5**

**(15 marks)**

**Below the extract has been rewritten, often using different words. Where words or phrases are missing, lines have been drawn. Please fill in the gaps with one or more words that show that you have understood what you have read. Try to use your own words, if you can.**

As Humphrey \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid the \_\_\_\_\_,

a \_\_\_\_\_ black beetle fell out of his clothes. Darkus

blinked and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the

beetle. It looked like \_\_\_\_\_. No one seemed to

notice the \_\_\_\_\_ insect that was

now \_\_\_\_\_. As it got \_\_\_\_\_

Darkus saw it was easily \_\_\_\_\_ a hamster. He was scared

and didn't know if the creature \_\_\_\_\_.

"Whoah, you're cool!" Darkus said, realising \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Darkus \_\_\_\_\_ his hand

as the beetle \_\_\_\_\_ .

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**Question 6**

**(9 marks)**

a) What kind of creature does Darkus meet? [1 mark]

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b) Where is Darkus? [1 mark]

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c) What is Mr Patel's job? [1 mark]

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d) How does Darkus feel about his discovery? [2 marks]

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

e) "Its eyes glistened like blackberries."  
What figure of speech is this? [1 mark]

\_\_\_\_\_

f) Can you find another example of this in the passage? [2 marks]

\_\_\_\_\_

g) "It was sharp."  
Why do you think the writer uses italics here? [2 marks]

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**Question 7**

**( 5marks)**

**Look at the passage again. Can you find one example of each of these parts of speech?**

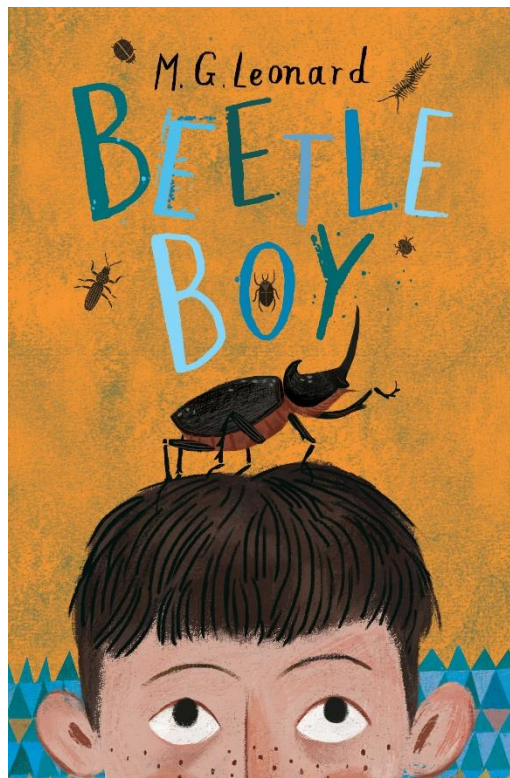
Adverb \_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

Verb \_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

Noun \_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

Prounoun \_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]





**Section B Writing**

**(35 marks)**

20 marks for content, expression and vocabulary.

15 marks for structure, organisation of ideas, paragraphing, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

**Answer only ONE of these questions below. Put the question number that you are doing at the top of the page.**

Either

**Question 8:** Write a story about a very clever person.

Or

**Question 9:** Write a detailed description of an occasion when family or friends were important to you.

Or

**Question 10:** Write a story which includes the words "It was the most amazing thing I ever saw..."

**Use the next page to write down some notes for your writing.**







