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Comprehension

Question	Answer All answers are worth one mark, unless stated otherwise. Answers should be written in full sentences where possible.
1	At the dinner party, the walls are black and the table is white.
2	The walls and table were both made of marble.
3	The ice cream was unusual because it was black and tasted of pepper.
4	The drawing room was coloured red.
5	In the drawing room, Cruella sits as close to the fire as possible, enjoying the heat, while the others pant, seemingly because it is too hot. 4 marks (2 marks for Cruella liking the heat/fire, 2 for the others not and panting)
6	In the drawing room, the Dearlys fear that the large flames from the fire will cause the chimney to catch on fire. 2 marks (1 mark for large fire, 1 mark for it spreading to the chimney/room)
	(Thiark for large fire, Thiark for it spreading to the chiminey/footh)
7	This line means that the Dearlys stayed after dinner not because they wanted to, but in order to be polite to their hosts. They then left as soon as they could.
8	Mr Dearly thinks that the name 'De Vil' is odd as when you put those words together, it forms the word 'devil'.
9	I think that Mr Dearly was joking as he is making a joke about Cruella's surname (De Vil) and while

	she does seem to enjoy heat and fire, this is not enough evidence to suggest she is actually a devil. It is just a play on words. 3 marks (1 mark for agreeing for or against, 2 marks for explanation as to why)
10	Cruella De Vil was an "unusual" woman. This is suggested through the strange descriptions of her house and food. The food is described as having odd colours and tasting of "pepper". This is very unusual and leads us to believe that Cruella is not a normal person.
	Also, Cruella is shown to be luxurious and wealthy. She is wearing a "ruby satin dress", "ropes of emeralds" and a "white mink coat". These items are expensive and suggest she is rich.
	Finally, Cruella is shown to be in control. She tells her husband to tend to the fire and he does so without question. Additionally, the Dearlys feel that they must stay with Cruella (even if they don't want to) in order to be "polite" and not upset her. This shows us that Cruella is in charge.
	15 marks (5 marks for picking out 3+ quotes/words from the passage to describe Cruella. 5 marks for explaining them and what they suggest about her character. 5 marks for use of full sentences and correct SPAG)
Total	/35

Composition

Below is a mark scheme for 7+ composition/writing questions. Use this to mark your child's work in each category and give an overall score.

Category	Does their answer	Marks available
Purpose and organisation	 Answer the question? Use paragraphs? Have a beginning, middle and end? Include description. Have a good, clear opening/introduction? Have a clear ending/conclusion? 	/4
Language	 Use interesting and varied vocabulary? Use the correct tense(s)? Use character speech or quotations (where applicable)? Use at least one literary technique (e.g. alliteration or a simile)? 	/5
Style	 Vary sentence length and style? Start sentences with different words? Use the correct format (e.g. story, essay, diary entry or continuation of a story)? 	/3
Spelling, punctuation and grammar	 Use a good range of punctuation correctly (e.g. commas, exclamation marks and capital letters)? Use mostly correct spelling? Use mostly correct grammar? Use full sentences with few mistakes? 	/3
Total	/:	15

Punctuation

Question	Answer Each sentence is worth 3 marks. One for each correct sentence, one for adding a capital letter at the beginning and one for ending each sentence with a full stop. Commas may be added but are not marked in this exercise.
1	First you must work out what you are going to write about.
2	Then take a clear sheet of paper.
3	In the top right-hand corner, put your name.
4	In the top left-hand corner, write the date.
5	Leave two lines.
6	In the middle of the next line, write the title for your story.
7	You may then begin your story.
8	Remember to start each new paragraph the same distance from the margin.
9	Write very neatly.
10	When you have finished, check what you have written.
Total	/30

Spelling

Question	Answer Two spelling mistakes per question. One mark for each spelt correctly
1	The chef <u>accidentally</u> put <u>fruit</u> into the soup.
2	His <u>business</u> was putting him under a lot of <u>pressure</u> .
3	To <u>arrive</u> before seven is considered the <u>height</u> of bad manners.
4	For his <u>eighth</u> birthday, Robert hoped for a <u>surprise</u> present.
5	The <u>answer</u> to this question is not too <u>difficult</u> .
6	It may <u>interest</u> you to know that oil and water <u>separate</u> .
7	"I <u>thought</u> that you were trying to lose some <u>weight</u> ," said the doctor.
8	The fly was <u>accidentally</u> trapped in the <u>centre</u> of the spider's web.
9	Smoking makes it hard to <u>breathe</u> and gives you very smelly <u>breath</u> .
10	He showed little <u>interest</u> in the history of the twentieth <u>century</u> .
Total	/20

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