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School

2019 Junior Entrance Examination

English

Time allowed: **60 minutes**

Instructions

- *There are two Sections: Section A should take 35 minutes and Section B 25 minutes.*
- *Please start each section on a new piece of paper and write your name at the top of each piece of paper you use*
- *Answer in full sentences unless asked to do otherwise*
- *Accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar will be evaluated although there is not a specific mark allocation for these elements*
- *While accuracy is desirable throughout the paper, it will be particularly noted in Section B*
- *Remember to leave yourself enough time to check your work*
- *Dictionaries are not allowed*

Good Luck

Section A Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions which follow.
Answer in complete sentences.

The fruit country lay spread out at the foot of a big mountain with a heart of fire, and a hole in the top. Sometimes the mountain was angry, and spat fire and red-hot stones into the air through the hole, and if it went *very* angry it went on for days pouring out a fiery river of **molten** stone, that flowed away over the top of the hole like porridge boiling over the pot; and flames leaped into the air, hundreds of feet high; and glowing lumps of rock were hurled through the flames, to fall where they would. All the while, the fiery river streamed down the mountain-side, destroying everything in its course, and making a desert of the pleasant land; and where it passed the air became so hot that no one could live or breathe in it. So, the peasants who **tilled** the earth in the shadow of the mountain always lived in fear of the hour when the mountain should begin to mutter in its anger, and when it did they prayed to St Anthony to **appease** the mountain's anger, and save their fruit trees from ruin.

The great anger did not come very often, and Marietta was seven years old before she heard the mountain mutter in one of its real tempers. There came a morning when Giacomo, her big brother, happened to be home for a day or so, and she was playing by herself on the plot of ground where her own little peach tree grew. This plot lay in the furthest corner of her brother's lands, and of all the fruit trees in those parts it grew closest to the mountain. Giacomo had planted it for her on the day she was born and she loved it better than anything else in the world.

On this day when Giacomo was home, and while Marietta was picking flowers and chattering to her peach tree, she felt a sort of tremble in the earth, and heard a sort of grumble in the air. It was no more than she had heard and felt at other times, and all she said was, "The King of the Mountain is angry about something". But the sound brought men and women to a standstill at their work among the trees; and they gazed at the mountain with fear in their hearts.

Extract from: "The Girl Who Kissed the Peach Tree" by E Farjeon

1) What lies “at the foot of a big mountain”? (1)

2) What do you understand about the nature of this mountain from the phrase “with a heart of fire and a hole in the top”? Lines 1-2? (2)

3) What happens when the mountain **“was angry”**? (2)

4) But, what happens when the mountain **“was *very* angry”**? (4)

5) What **simile** does the writer use in the first paragraph to describe the “fiery river of molten stone”? (1)
Explain why this simile is both appropriate and effective. (3)

6) Looking at lines 7-13, explain the effects the volcano has on the people and the place. (4)

7) Explain in your own words the meaning of the following three words in their individual contexts: **molten tilled appease** (6)

8) Show how and in what ways the mountain is presented as a person. Refer closely to the passage to explain your views. (4)

9) What is the technical term for this? (1)

10) When and where does Marietta first experience the mountain in one of its real tempers? (2)

11) What two signs indicate to Marietta that the mountain is roused? (2)

12) How does her reaction differ compared to the reaction of the others out in the fields? (3)

Total = 35 marks

Section B Creative Writing 25 Marks

Start this question on a fresh sheet of paper.
Write your name at the top.

Choose one option

Either :

Continue the story!

Or :

Write a story which features the power of some aspect of nature or the natural world. (for example: a waterfall? a storm? an earthquake? a wild animal? rising water? wild fire …)

Total = 25 marks