



# Emanuel School

## MAIN 10+ English Entrance Paper

45 minutes

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- \* Read the passage in Section A and answer **all** the questions as fully as possible.
- \* You should spend up to 20 minutes on Section A.
- \* Then complete the writing task in Section B. Spend 25 minutes on this section.
- \* You are told the number of marks available for each question.
- \* Check through your work carefully at the end of the exam.

## Section A: Reading Comprehension

**Spend up to 30 minutes on this section. Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow.**

*In this passage, Maia is a girl at school in England. She has just found out that she will soon be going away to live in the Amazon rainforest in South America.*

There was no doubt about it; Maia was a heroine, but not the kind that people envied; more the kind that got burnt at the stake. By the time her friends had clustered round her with ‘Oohs’ and ‘Aaaahs’ and cries of **distress**, Maia wanted nothing except to run away and hide.

5 But she didn’t. She asked permission to go to the library after supper.

The library at the Academy was a good one. That night Maia sat alone on top of the mahogany library steps, and she read and she read and she read. She read about the great broad-leaved trees of the rainforest pierced by sudden rays of sun. She read about the travellers who had explored the maze of rivers and found a thousand plants and animals that  
10 had never been seen before. She read about brilliantly coloured birds flashing between the laden branches – macaws and humming birds and parakeets – and butterflies the size of saucers, and curtains of sweetly scented orchids trailing from the trees. She read about the wisdom of the locals who could cure sickness and wounds that no one in Europe understood.

15 “*Those who think of the Amazon as a Green Hell,*” she read in an old book with a tattered spine, “*bring only their own fears and **prejudices** to this amazing land. For whether a place is a hell or a heaven rests in yourself, and those who go with courage, and an open mind may find themselves in Paradise.*”

Maia looked up from the book. I can do it, she vowed. I can make it a heaven and I will!

20 Matron found her there long after bedtime, still perched on the ladder, but she did not scold her for there was a strange look on the girl’s face as though she was already in another country.

Everyone came well-prepared to the Geography lesson on the following day.

“You start, Hermione,” said Miss Carlisle. “What did you find out about the Amazon?”

25 Hermione looked anxiously at Maia.

“There are huge crocodiles in the rivers that can snap your head off in one bite. Only they’re not called crocodiles, they’re called alligators because their snouts are fatter, but they’re just as fierce.”

30 “And if you just put one hand in the water there are these piranhas that strip all the flesh off your bones. Every single bit. They look just like ordinary fish but their teeth are terrible,” said Melanie.

Now answer each of the following questions in full sentences.

You will be awarded marks for your spelling, punctuation and grammar, so check your answers once you have finished.

1. How do you know from the text that Maia goes to boarding school? [2 marks]

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2. Based on lines 6-14, **in your own words**, explain what kind of person Maia seems to be. Make two points with a reason for each one. [4 marks]

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3. What impression does the author create of the Amazon in the third paragraph (lines 6-14)? Give two examples and explain your ideas fully in your own words.

[4 marks]

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4. Explain the meanings of the following two words, which are in **bold** in the passage.  
You do not need to write in full sentences. [2 marks]

a. **distress** (line 3)

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b. **prejudices** (line 16)

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5. In the following extract you will find several mistakes in spelling and punctuation.  
Copy out the extract, putting in the correct punctuation and spelling. [5 marks]

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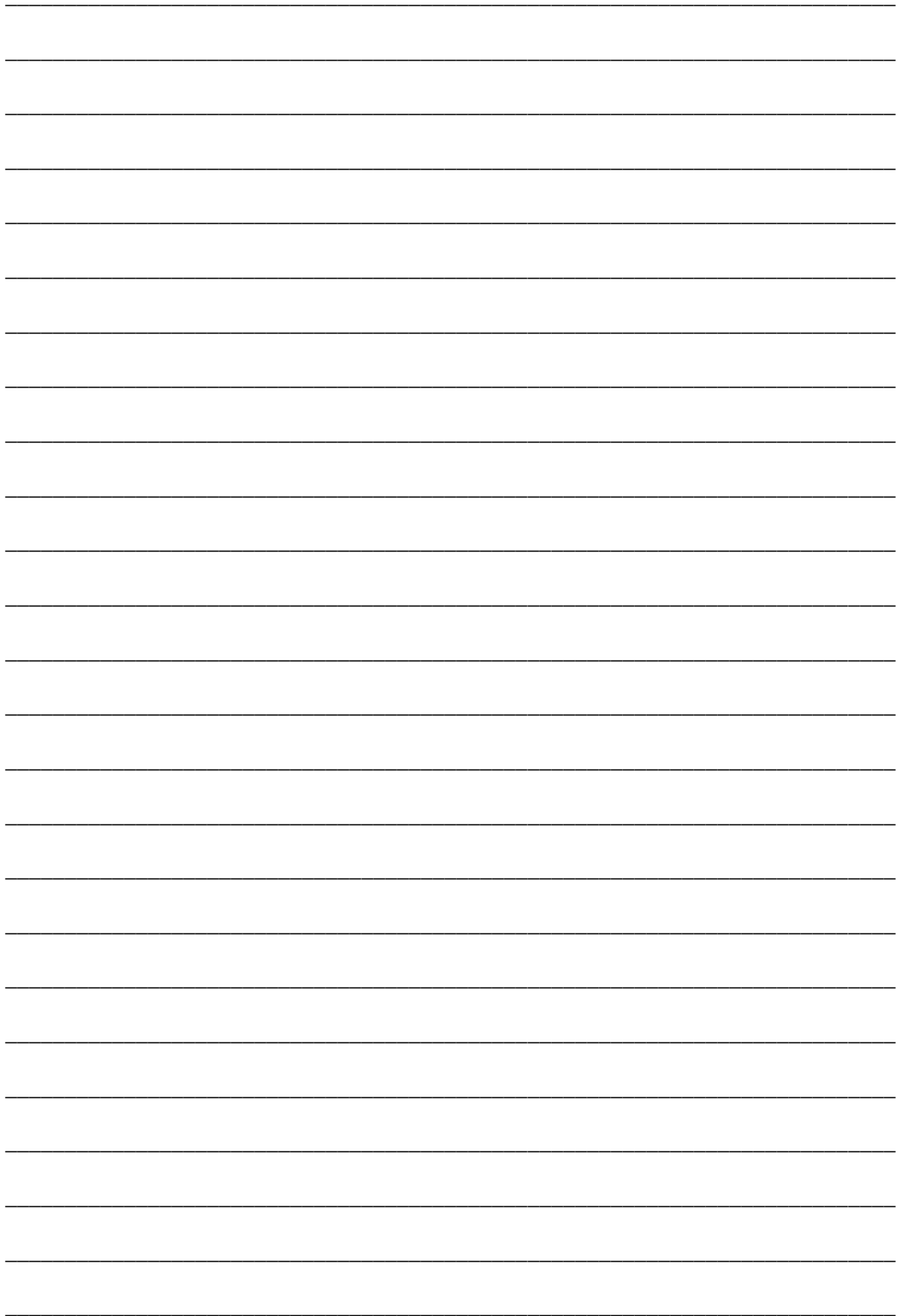
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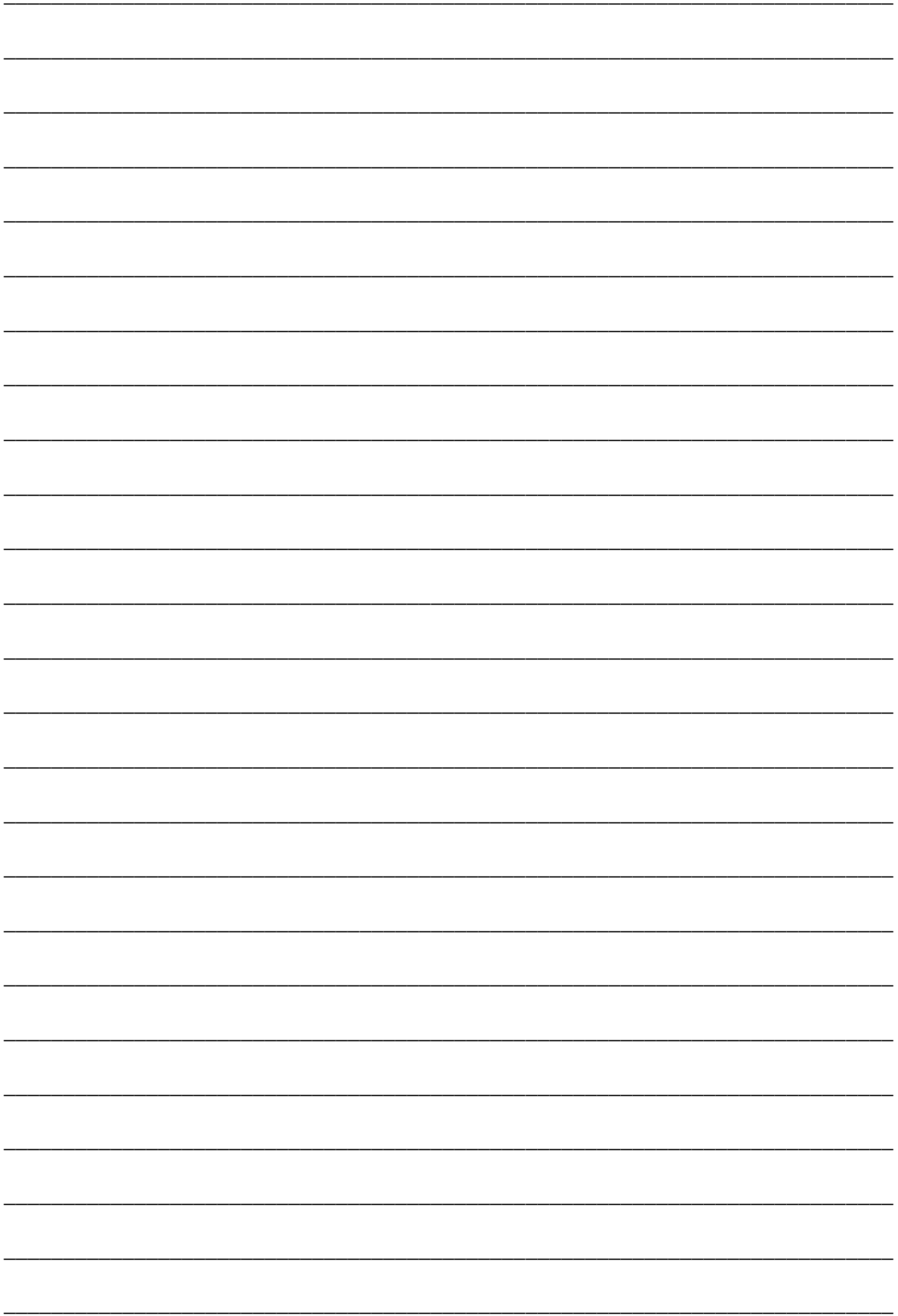
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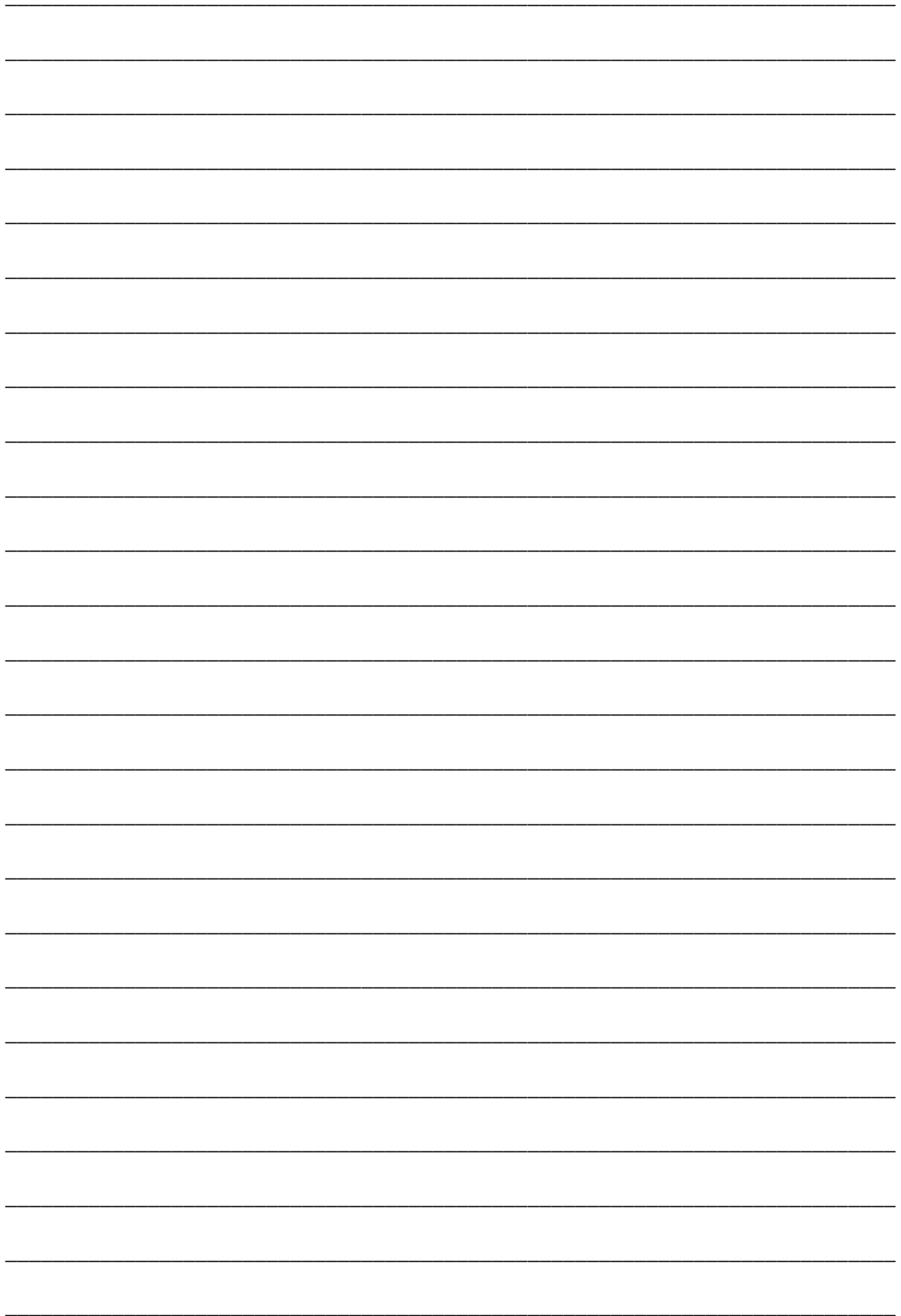
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**End of examination. Now check your work carefully.**

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Accuracy:	/10
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