

English Paper 2 – Use a dictionary or online search if necessary.

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(i) girl. (ii) heiress. (iii) heroine. (iv) lady.

(b) What is the name given to the following?

- (i) a place where a dog is kept.
- (ii) a place where food is kept in hot weather so that it remains fresh.
- (iii) a place in a ship where cargo is stowed during the voyage.
- (iv) a place where crops are grown and cattle are kept.

(c) In the sentence:- “Tonight, I do my homework, lay the table for mother, bring in the meal, drink two cups of tea, and later watch television,” cross out *tonight*, put in the word *yesterday* for it, and rewrite the sentence. You will have to alter five other words besides *tonight*.

(d) Complete these proverbs:-

- (i) When the cat’s away ...
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2. The words in the following sentences are jumbled. Put them in their proper order.

- (a) for country in a we the walk went
- (b) run you why away did
- (c) did the mistake clever his a without boy all homework
- (d) ferocious the the attacked bull farmer by was
- (e) falls how silently the snow

3. Think of any special friend you have (a boy or a girl). Write down the name of your friend.

- Now write one sentence describing what he or she looks like.
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- Finally, write one sentence saying what you think your friend will become when he or she has grown up, and give your reasons.

4. The plural of cat is cats. Write down the plural form of:-

MATCH. BABY. PIANO. GOOSE. OASIS.

Now write down the singular of:-

POTATOES. CALVES OXEN. SHEEP.
MONKEYS.

5. **Read the following passage carefully, and then answer the questions about it: -**

Jo was the first to wake in the grey dawn of Christmas morning. No stockings hung at the fireplace, and for a moment she felt as much disappointed as she did long ago, when her little sock fell down because it was so crammed with presents. Then she remembered her mother's promise and, slipping her hand under her pillow, drew out a little crimson-covered book. She knew it very well, for it was that beautiful old story of the best life ever lived, and Jo felt that it was a true guide-book for any pilgrim going the long journey. She woke Meg with a "Merry Christmas", and bade her see what was under her pillow. A green-covered book appeared, with the same picture inside, and a few words written by their mother, which made their one present very precious in their eyes. Presently Beth and Amy woke, to rummage and find their little books also – one dove-coloured, the other blue; and all sat looking at and talking about them, while the East grew rosy with the coming day. In spite of her small vanities, Margaret had a sweet and pious nature, which unconsciously influenced her sisters, especially Jo, who loved her very tenderly, and obeyed her because her advice was gently given.

- (a) What day is mentioned in the passage?
- (b) How many different girls are there in the passage? What are their names?
- (c) Why was Jo so disappointed?
- (d) What book do you think her present was?
- (e) Whose life is referred to in this book?
- (f) All the girls had books as presents. How do you think they would recognise their own?
- (g) What two phrases in the story tell you the time of day?
- (h) Give in your own words the meaning of the following words in the passage:-
 - (i) RUMMAGE. (ii) PIOUS. (iii) PRECIOUS. (iv) BADE (v) PILGRIM
- (i) Give a reason why you think the girls had only one present each.

Answers below.

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cargo hold / lower deck /
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Yesterday, I did my homework, laid the table for mother, brought in the meal, drank two cups of tea, and later watched television.

(d) Complete these proverbs:-

- (iv) When the cat's away ...**the mice will play**
(v) A rolling stone ...**gathers no moss**
(vi) Many hands make ...**light work**

2. The words in the following sentences are jumbled. Put them in their proper order.

- (f) for country in a we the walk went **We went for a walk in the country.**
(g) run you why away did **Why did you run away?**
(h) did the mistake clever his a without boy all homework
The clever boy did his homework without a mistake.
(i) ferocious the the attacked bull farmer by was
The bull was attacked by the ferocious farmer. I'm kidding. It's the other way round.
(j) falls how silently the snow **How silently the snow falls!**

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- (j) What day is mentioned in the passage? **Christmas Day / 25 December**
(k) How many different girls are there in the passage? What are their names? **4 because Meg is actually Margaret**
(l) Why was Jo so disappointed? **She didn't have a stocking**
(m) What book do you think her present was? **It could be Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan**
(n) Whose life is referred to in this book? **Christian**
(o) All the girls had books as presents. How do you think they would recognise their own? **Each book had a different colour.**
(p) What two phrases in the story tell you the time of day? **Christmas morning; the East grew rosy with the coming day**
(q) Give in your own words the meaning of the following words in the passage:-
(i) RUMMAGE. **go through; search** (ii) PIOUS. **religious, devout** (iii) PRECIOUS. **valuable, exquisite (other options possible)** (iv) BADE **told**
(v) PILGRIM **worshipper, believer (other options possible)**

- (r) Give a reason why you think the girls had only one present each.
They must have fallen on hard times (i.e. have little money) because Jo used to get a stocking full with presents in the past