



LONG CLOSE SCHOOL

## **Practice Paper**

# **Year 7 English Scholarship Paper**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section A – Reading – spend 10 minutes reading and annotating and 20 minutes writing your response.**

In this extract from ‘Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde’ by Robert Louis Stevenson, Dr Jekyll is writing to Dr Lanyon to ask for his help. How does his letter create tension and suspense for the reader? (20 marks)

“DEAR LANYON, You are one of my oldest friends; and although we may have differed at times on scientific questions, I cannot remember, at least on my side, any break in our affection. There was never a day when, if you had said to me, ‘Jekyll, my life, my honour, my reason, depend upon you,’ I would not have sacrificed my left hand to help you. Lanyon, my life, my honour my reason, are all at your mercy; if you fail me to-night I am lost. You might suppose, after this preface, that I am going to ask you for something dishonourable to grant. Judge for yourself.

“I want you to postpone all other engagements for to-night—ay, even if you were summoned to the bedside of an emperor; to take a cab, unless your carriage should be actually at the door; and with this letter in your hand for consultation, to drive straight to my house. Poole, my butler, has his orders; you will find, him waiting your arrival with a locksmith. The door of my cabinet is then to be forced: and you are to go in alone; to open the glazed press (letter E) on the left hand, breaking the lock if it be shut; and to draw out, with all its contents as they stand, the fourth drawer from the top or (which is the same thing) the third from the bottom. In my extreme distress of mind, I have a morbid fear of misdirecting you; but even if I am in error, you may know the right drawer by its contents: some powders, a phial and a paper book. This drawer I beg of you to carry back with you to Cavendish Square exactly as it stands.

“That is the first part of the service: now for the second. You should be back, if you set out at once on the receipt of this, long before midnight; but I will leave you that amount of margin, not only in the fear of one of those obstacles that can neither be prevented nor foreseen, but because an hour when your servants are in bed is to be preferred for what will then remain to do. At midnight, then, I have to ask you to be alone in your consulting-room, to admit with your own hand into the house a man who will present himself in my name, and to place in his hands the drawer that you will have brought with you from my cabinet...”

**Section B – Writing – spend 10 minutes planning and 20 minutes writing. Remember to proofread at the end, as there are 8 marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar.**

You are going to enter a creative writing competition. Your entry will be judged by a panel of people of your own age.

Write a description suggested by this picture:



(20 marks)