



Christ's Hospital Entrance Examination

*Sample of Examination to be sat in
January each year*

ENGLISH EXAMINATION

TIME ALLOWED:
ONE HOUR AND FIVE MINUTES

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

- *This examination is made up of two sections.*
- *You need to answer both sections in this answer book.*
- *You will also be given an additional piece of paper with a reading passage on it. If you do not receive a copy of the reading passage then tell the person looking a*
- *You should spend thirty minutes on Section A. The teacher looking after you will advise you after thirty minutes that it would be wise to move on. However, if you finish Section A before this then you may move on at any time.*
- *You will be warned when there are five minutes to go. The last five minutes should be spent checking your work, as should any other time left over.*
- *You should aim to make your work as neat as possible*
- *Write in full sentences at all times unless instructed in a question to do otherwise.*

Good Luck!

Sect A 1 – 8/20	Sect A 9-10/10	Total Sect A/30	Sect B Content/40	Sect B S, P & G/10	Sect B Total/50	Total/ 80

Section A: Comprehension

This section should take you thirty minutes.

After thirty minutes you will be advised to continue on to the next section. However, should you finish early then, having checked all of your answers and given as much detail as possible, move on to Section B.

Read the sheet entitled English Reading Materials. Using as much detail as possible, answer the questions below, presenting your work neatly and writing in full sentences.

1. Re-read the first paragraph of the passage. Choose two words used in the first paragraph to best describe the room:

(i)

(ii)

(2 Marks)

2. What, again from just reading the first paragraph, do you think is Mr. Giles' job? Quote a sentence or part of a sentence from the novel to back up your point of view.

Job:

Quote:

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(3 Marks)

3. Read paragraph two of the passage. In your own words, describe in as much detail as possible how the older of the two ladies was dressed.

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(3 Marks)

- 4. In your own words, describe in as much detail as you can what Dickens tells us that the younger woman is like in paragraph three.

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(3 Marks)

- 5. Reading just paragraph four, what impression do you get of the fat gentleman who has just got out of his gig (a type of cart)? Explain why you think this in some detail.

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(2 Marks)

- 6. What event appears to have happened to the two ladies the previous night? Give a quotation from the passage to back up your answer.

Event:

Quote:

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(3 Marks)

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7. What is the fat gentleman's job? Give a quotation from the passage to back up your point of view.

Job:

Quote:

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(3 Marks)

8. How old is the younger of the two ladies?

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(1 Mark)

9. Look at the following words, each of which is underlined in the text. You may not understand the word but try to define it in on or more words, making sense of it from the context in which it is used in the passage.

(i) quaint:

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(ii) impair:

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(iii) condolence:

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(6 Marks)

10. Look at the last paragraph of the passage. What do you think of the doctor's reaction to the robbery? What do you think that this tells is about Dickens' attitude to the doctor?

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(4 Marks)

NOW PLEASE TURN OVER FOR SECTION B

