

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS**  
**HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS 2012**

YEAR: 6	<b>ENGLISH WRITTEN</b>	Time: 50 mins
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

30

**TOTAL MARKS**

**READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING POINTS:**

- Fill in your name, surname and class.
- Do not turn the page before the start of the exam.
- If you make a mistake, cancel it neatly and write it again.
- When you are ready go over your work, check your spelling and work out what has been left out.

## Section A

Read carefully the following brochure and then answer the questions below:

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**€ 750**  
Kids go FREE

<b>Main Attractions</b> Paris, Disneyland, Walt Disne	<b>TOUR 1: 8 – 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Price</b> <b>taxes.</b>	<b>TOUR 2: 19 – 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>





A. Using the information given in the brochure, fill in the blanks.

(1/2 mark x 10 = 5 marks)

1. Adults pay \_\_\_\_\_ and kids go \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the two means of transport used during the stay.
3. Three of the places one will be able to visit will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. There are \_\_\_\_\_ tours being organised in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The people will stay \_\_\_\_\_ days at the hotels.
6. Excursions are not \_\_\_\_\_.

B. List 4 things that you would take with you.

(1/2 mark = 2 marks)

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| i) _____   | ii) _____ |
| iii) _____ | iv) _____ |

## Section B

### Part 1: The Strange Wood.

#### Paragraph 1

Uncle Andrew and his study vanished instantly. Then, for a moment, everything became muddled. The next thing Digory knew was that there was a soft green light coming down on him from above, and darkness below. He didn't seem to be standing on anything, or sitting, or lying. Nothing appeared to be touching him. At once he could feel that he was rushing upward. Then his head suddenly came out into the air and he found himself scrambling ashore, out on to smooth grassy ground at the edge of a pool.

#### Paragraph 2

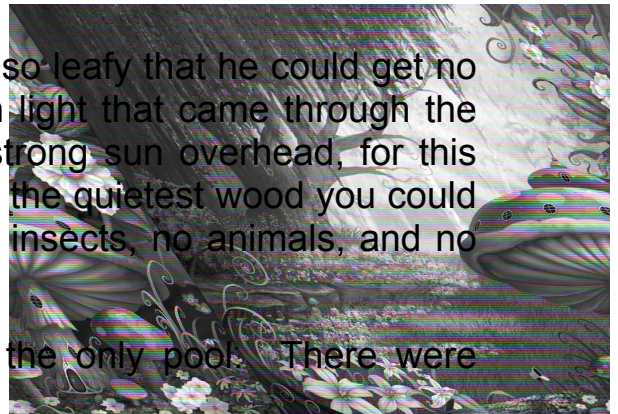
As he rose to his feet he noticed that he was neither dripping nor panting for breath as anyone would expect after being under water. His clothes were perfectly dry. He was standing by the edge of a small pool in a wood.

#### Paragraph 3

The trees grew so close together and were so leafy that he could get no glimpse of the sky. All the light was green light that came through the leaves: but there must have been a very strong sun overhead, for this green daylight was bright and warm. It was the quietest wood you could possibly imagine. There were no birds, no insects, no animals, and no wind.

#### Paragraph 4

The pool he had just got out of was not the only pool. There were dozens of others.



The strangest thing was that Digory had half forgotten how he had come there. If anyone had asked him "Where did you come from?" he would probably have said, "I've always been here."

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## Section B – Part 1

C. Say whether the following statements are **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

		TRUE	FALSE
1.	Digory seemed as if he was going upward in the water.	√	
2.	The edge of the pool had pebbles.		
3.	It was a thick forest.		
4.	Digory was soaking wet.		
5.	He could see the clear, blue sky.		
6.	The forest was a very quiet and strange place.		
7.	It was full of birds and other living creatures.		
8.	The pool he had come out from was the only pool around.		
9.	He remembered where he was before landing into this strange forest.		
10.	For Digory it seemed as if he'd been living there for ages.		
11.	The boy was frightened of what was happening.		

(1/2 mark x 10 = 5 marks)

D. Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate meaning.

To look	have a	many	puzzled	gasping	to walk on all fours
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1. *Muddled* (par 1) **puzzled**
2. *Scrambling ashore* (par 1) \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Panting* (par 2) \_\_\_\_\_
4. *To get a glimpse of* (par 3) \_\_\_\_\_
5. *There were dozens* (par 4) \_\_\_\_\_

(1/2 mark x 4 = 2 marks)

## Part 2: The Strange Wood

*Paragraph 1*

After Digory had looked at the wood for a long time he noticed that there was a girl lying on her back at the foot of a tree a few yards away. At first, they did not recognise each other but then they remembered who they were and who had sent them.

*Paragraph 2*

Polly and Digory were best friends and it was Uncle Andrew who had sent them in this forest.

“What do we do now?” said Polly. “We’ve got to go back. How do we go home?”

“Go back into the pool, I expect.”

*Paragraph 3*

They came and stood together at the edge looking down into the smooth water.

“We haven’t any bathing things,” said Polly.



“We shan’t need them, silly,” said Digory. “We’re going in with our clothes on. Don’t you remember it didn’t wet us on the way up?”

*Paragraph 4*

They took hands and said “One – Two – Three – Go” and jumped. There was a great splash and of course they closed their eyes. But when they opened them again they found they were still standing, hand in hand, in that green wood, and hardly up to their ankles in water. The pool was apparently only a couple of inches deep.

“What on earth’s gone wrong?” Polly said in a frightened voice.

*Paragraph 5*

“Oh! I know,” said Digory. “Of course it won’t work. We’re still wearing our yellow rings. They’re for the outward journey, you know. The green ones take you home. We must change rings.”

They put on their green rings and came back to the pool. But before they tried another jump Digory gave a long O-o-oh!”

*Paragraph 6*

“What’s the matter?” said Polly.

“I’ve just had a really wonderful idea,” said Digory. “What are all the other pools for? If we can get back to our own world by jumping into this pool, then we get somewhere else by jumping into one of the others? Suppose there is a world at the bottom of every pool?”

*Adapted from The Chronicles of Narnia: The Magician’s Nephew by C.S. Lewis*

E. Now answer these questions carefully.



1. Who had sent Polly and Digory to this strange forest? *(paragraph 1)*

(1 mark)

2. Why wasn't Digory worried of getting wet? *(paragraph 3)*

(1 mark)

3. Why do you think was Polly afraid? *(paragraph 4)*

(2 marks)

4. How could they go back home? *(paragraph 5)*

(1 mark)

5. What would happen if they jumped into another pool? *(paragraph 6)*

(2 marks)

6. Who is the most adventurous, is it Polly or Digory? Why?

(2 marks)

F. Put the verb s in brackets into the correct tense. (1/2 mark x 14 = 7 marks)



Every Wednesday, Rebecca plays tennis. Yesterday Rebecca

\_\_\_\_\_ (come) home from tennis, when she

\_\_\_\_\_ (see) some earrings in a jeweller's shop window. She

\_\_\_\_\_ (carry) her sports bag. When she

\_\_\_\_\_ (see) the earrings, she \_\_\_\_\_ (stop)

to look at them. While she \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) there, a

robber \_\_\_\_\_ (run) out of the shop. When she

\_\_\_\_\_ (see) him, she \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) round.

As the thief \_\_\_\_\_ (run) past her, he

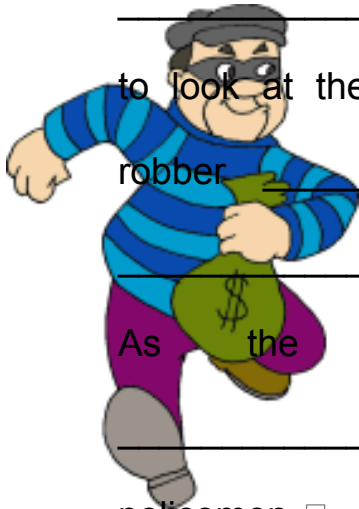
\_\_\_\_\_ (fall) over the handle of his tennis racket. Two

policemen \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to a boy in the street, when

the robbery \_\_\_\_\_ (happen). When the thief

\_\_\_\_\_ (fall) over, the two policemen \_\_\_\_\_

(arrest) him.



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