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



11+ Entrance Examination

English

Comprehension and Composition

Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes

1. Read the directions of each section carefully.
2. Pay careful attention to spelling and grammar throughout the exam.

## Section 1: Reading Comprehension

Read the following poem, and then answer the questions below. You should spend approximately 45 minutes on this section.

### *Upon Westminster Bridge* By William Wordsworth

Earth has not anything to show more fair:  
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by  
A sight so touching in its majesty:  
This city now doth like a garment wear.

The beauty of the morning: silent, bare,  
Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie  
Open into the fields, and to the sky,  
All bright and glittering in the smokeless air.

Never did sun more beautifully steep  
In his first splendour valley, rock, or hill;  
Ne'er saw I, never felt, a calm so deep!

The river glideth at his own sweet will:  
Dear God! The very houses seem asleep;  
And all that mighty heart is lying still!

**Answer the following questions using complete sentences.**

1. What is William Wordsworth describing in this poem? (2)
2. How does Wordsworth make the scenery come to life for the reader? (6)
3. Reread the third stanza. How does the poet convey his emotional response to what he sees? (3)
4. Identify the images in poem that suggest the waking state of London. (2)
5. The poet uses vivid imagery to depict the beauty of his view. Identify two of these images, and comment on their effectiveness. (4)
6. How does Wordsworth compare and contrast the Earth's natural beauty with the beauty of the city? (4)
7. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem? (2)
8. "Dull would he be of soul who could pass by / A sight so touching in its majesty". What do you think the poet means by this phrase? (2)



## **Section 2: Composition**

*Choose one of the following essay titles, and then write a composition appropriate to either title. You should spend approximately 45 minutes on this section.*

1. In the City
2. Stories have a way of transporting us into another world. Describe the setting from a novel that you found particularly magical, and discuss what you liked about it and how it made you feel.