

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL



YEAR 9 (13+) SCHOLARSHIP

May 2021
for entry in September 2021

ENGLISH

Name: _____

School: _____

Time allowed: 1 hour 10 minutes

Equipment needed: Pen, pencil, lined paper, eraser.

Information for candidates:

1. Write your name and school on this page.
2. Write your answers on the **separate paper** provided. Please put your name on all the sheets of paper you use.
3. There are 2 sections in this paper, section A and Section B. You should attempt both of them.
4. The paper will be marked out of 40. The marks for each question or part question are indicated in square brackets [].

SECTION A

Read the poem below and answer all the questions. You are advised to use quotations and analysis in support of your answers.

The Kraken

Below the thunders of the upper deep,
Far, far beneath in the abysmal sea,
His ancient, dreamless, uninvaded sleep
The Kraken sleepeth: faintest sunlights flee
About his shadowy sides; above him swell
Huge sponges of millennial growth and height;
And far away into the sickly light,
From many a wondrous grot and secret cell
Unnumbered and enormous polypi
Winnow with giant arms the slumbering green.
There hath he lain for ages, and will lie
Battening upon huge sea worms in his sleep,
Until the latter fire shall heat the deep;
Then once by man and angels to be seen,
In roaring he shall rise and on the surface die.

ALFRED LORD TENNYSON

Glossary

The Kraken - *a mythical sea creature*

Abysmal - *the deepest part of the sea*

Grot - *cave*

Polypi - *octopus or cuttlefish*

1. What do you learn about the Kraken and what happens to it during the course of the poem? [4 marks]
2. How does the poet describe the setting and how does this add to the atmosphere? [5 marks]
3. How does the poet give a sense of scale and size in the poem? [5 marks]
4. At the end of the poem Tennyson describes how “fire shall heat the deep”. What do you think he means and can you think of any modern parallels to this? [6 marks]

SECTION B

You should select one of the titles below. You are reminded that you will be rewarded for the quality of your ideas and your imagination and accurate use of spelling and punctuation.

EITHER:

1. Write a descriptive or narrative piece in which you explore a mythic creature of your own invention. [20 marks]

OR

2. Looking after our planet is the most important thing this generation can do for the next. Either write an essay in which you give your views about this statement or write a descriptive piece in which the focus is on the environment. [20 marks]