SEVENOAKS SCHOOL



YEAR 9 (13+) SCHOLARSHIP

May 2022 for entry in September 2022

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.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.His house is in the village though;He will not see me stopping hereTo watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer To stop without a farmhouse near Between the woods and frozen lake The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake To ask if there is some mistake. The only other sound's the sweep Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep.

ROBERT FROST

- 1. What is the significance of the title of the poem? [4 marks]
- 2. What is the horse's reaction to stopping in the wood and why might this be significant? [5 marks]
- 3. What would you say was the atmosphere of the poem? How does the poet convey this to you? [5 marks]
- 4. At the end of the poem the narrator says they have, "promises to keep" and "miles to go before I sleep" What do you think is the significance of these lines and what do they suggest? [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:

 Select a single line from the poem that you find interesting, for example, "he will not see me stopping here" and use this as a title for a story or descriptive piece of writing. [20 marks]

OR

2. What is the importance of animals to human beings? Write an essay in which you explore the relationship between human beings and animals and consider the significance of the relationship. [20 marks]