

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL



YEAR 9 (13+) SCHOLARSHIP

May 2019
for entry in September 2019

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 39. The marks for each question or part question are indicated in square brackets [].

SECTION A

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

Romance

WHEN I was but thirteen or so
I went into a golden land,
Chimborazo, Cotopaxi
Took me by the hand.

My father died, my brother too, 5
They passed like fleeting dreams,
I stood where Popocatepetl
In the sunlight gleams.

I dimly heard the master's voice
And boys far-off at play, — 10
Chimborazo, Cotopaxi
Had stolen me away.

I walked in a great golden dream
To and fro from school—
Shining Popocatepetl 15
The dusty streets did rule.

I walked home with a gold dark boy
And never a word I'd say,
Chimborazo, Cotopaxi
Had taken my speech away. 20

I gazed entranced upon his face
Fairer than any flower—
O shining Popocatepetl
It was thy magic hour:

The houses, people, traffic seemed 25
Thin fading dreams by day;
Chimborazo, Cotopaxi,
They had stolen my soul away!

BY W. J. TURNER

1. Why do you think Chimborazo and Cotopaxi are important to the speaker of the poem? Try to give at least three reasons and support your choice with evidence from the text. [6 marks]
2. Pick three words or phrases in the text that you think are significant and explain the reason for your choice. [6 marks]
3. The presentation of the countries starts positively. Does this remain consistent throughout the poem? Do you think that the writer regards them as entirely positive? Please give evidence to support your ideas. [7 marks]

SECTION B

Choose **ONE** of the following titles to write about:

1. The Magic Hour
2. Write about a place, real or imaginary, that is important to you. In your writing you should make it clear why this place is important.

[20 marks]