

**The North London Independent Girls'
Schools' Consortium**

YEAR 7 ENTRANCE

January 2009

ENGLISH

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

**The reading passage is printed
on a separate piece of paper**

First Name

Last Name

**Total
Marks:
Part A**

**Total
Marks:
Part B**

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Marks:
Parts A & B**

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INSTRUCTIONS

**PLEASE ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF THE
EXAMINATION PAPER**

Part A: Reading (approx. 45 minutes)

- Spend 10 minutes reading the story and the questions which follow in the booklet.
- You will be told when the 10 minutes are over.
- You can mark the story by underlining words and phrases.
- Do not write anything in your booklet during this time.

**Spend about 35 minutes writing your answers
in the answer booklet.**

Part B: Writing (approx. 30 minutes)

- Make sure you put your name at the top of the paper.

**Spend about 30 minutes writing on the piece of
paper provided.**

**YOU MAY WRITE IN
EITHER INK OR PENCIL**

PART A: READING

Spend 35 minutes on answering these questions.

Questions on the passage.

1) Look at lines 1 – 3. List **five** words or phrases which show that the island of Trinidad was hot and dry.

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2) Look at lines 4— 10. **In your own words**, describe the effects of the drought.

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3) Look at lines 16—19. Give **three** reasons why optimism was difficult now for Manko. (3 marks)

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4) Rampersad allows each villager a bucket of water. Why does Rampersad’s wife object to this? (5 marks)

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5) Explain fully how Rannie came to be ill. Look in particular at lines 38—46. (4 marks)

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4 marks

7) In your own words, explain what the writer means by the following interesting and effective descriptions:

- “the sun was a yellow furnace in the sky” (line 1)

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- “When the wind blew, it was heavy and unrelieving, as if the heat had taken all the spirit out of it.” (lines 7-8)

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8) Copy out a short description from the story (between two and eight words) that you find interesting and effective, and explain why you like it. (3 marks)

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PART B: WRITING

INSTRUCTIONS:

Spend 30 minutes on your writing.

Remember to leave time to check your work carefully.

TASK:

Imagine you live in the same village as Sunny.

Describe what happens on the day the rains finally arrive.

(50 marks)

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