

THE LAIDLAW MEMORIAL SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE, KETTI.



**ENTRANCE EXAM 2022-23
SUBJECT - ENGLISH LANGUAGE
INTO CLASS 9**

**CLASS: IX (9)
READING TIME: 5 MINUTES
WRITING TIME: 1 HOUR**

**DATE: 10/12/ 22
TOTAL MARKS: 25
NO. OF PAGES: 2**

NAME:

Question 1. Write a short story on the given picture-350 to 400 words.

[10 Marks]

From the words given below, use as many as you can in the story and underline them.

[Eerie, goosebumps, haunting, ominous, chilling, weird, chuckling, hilarious, smirking, laughter, musty, bulging, spooky, screeching, wailing, rattle, drooling.]



Question 2. Read the passage, then answer the questions.

[8 Marks]

At half-past nine that night, Tom and Sid went to bed as usual. They said their prayers, and Sid was soon asleep. Tom lay awake and waited in restless impatience. When it seemed to him that it must be nearly daylight, he heard the clock strike ten! This was despair. He would have tossed and fidgeted, as his nerves demanded, but he was afraid he might wake Sid. So he lay still and stared up into the dark.

Everything was dismally still. By-and-by, out of the stillness little, scarcely perceptible noises began to emphasize themselves. The ticking of the clock began to bring itself into notice. Old beams began to crack mysteriously. The stairs creaked faintly. Evidently spirits were abroad. A measured, muffled snore issued from Aunt Poly's chamber. And now the tiresome chirping of a cricket that no human ingenuity could locate began. Next the ghastly ticking of a death-watch in the wall at the bed's head made Tom shudder- it meant that somebody's days were numbered. Then the howl of a far-off dog rose on the night air and was answered by a fainter howl from a remoter distance. Tom was in an agony. At last he was satisfied that time has ceased and eternity begun; he began to doze in spite of himself, the clock chimed eleven, but he did not hear it, and then there came, mingling with his half formed dreams, a most melancholy caterwauling. The raising of a neighbouring window disturbed him. A cry of 'Scat! You devil!' and the crash of an empty bottle against the back of his aunt's wood-shed brought him wide awake and a single minute later he was dressed and out of the window and creeping along the roof of the 'ell' on all fours. He 'meow'd' with caution once or twice as he went; then jump to the roof of the wood-shed and thence to the ground. Huckleberry Finn was there, with his dead cat. The boys moved off and disappeared in the gloom. At the end of half an hour they were wading through the tall grass of the graveyard.

1. What is the main idea of the passage? Pick out some of the important phrases from the passage and explain how these words create a sense of excitement. [4]

2. Write the meanings of the following words and form sentences of your own. [4]

a) fidgeted-

b) muffled-

c) melancholy-

d) wading-

Question 3. Write the correct form of the words given in brackets: [5 Marks]

"What a beautiful song," Marie thought to herself. She imagined herself _____ [sing] the same song in front of a large audience. It had been her wish to become a singer. Marie could _____ [sing] ever since she learned how to talk. She usually _____ [sing] while doing her work or her chores. Every time there is a family gathering, Marie will be asked _____. [sing] Marie entered a singing competition when she was eight years old and won the first prize. Her school will be having a concert and Marie _____ [sing] one of her favourite songs then. She can't wait!

Question 4. Imagine you have just entered a party and everyone wants to know who you are. Introduce yourself. [80 - 100 words] [2 Marks]
