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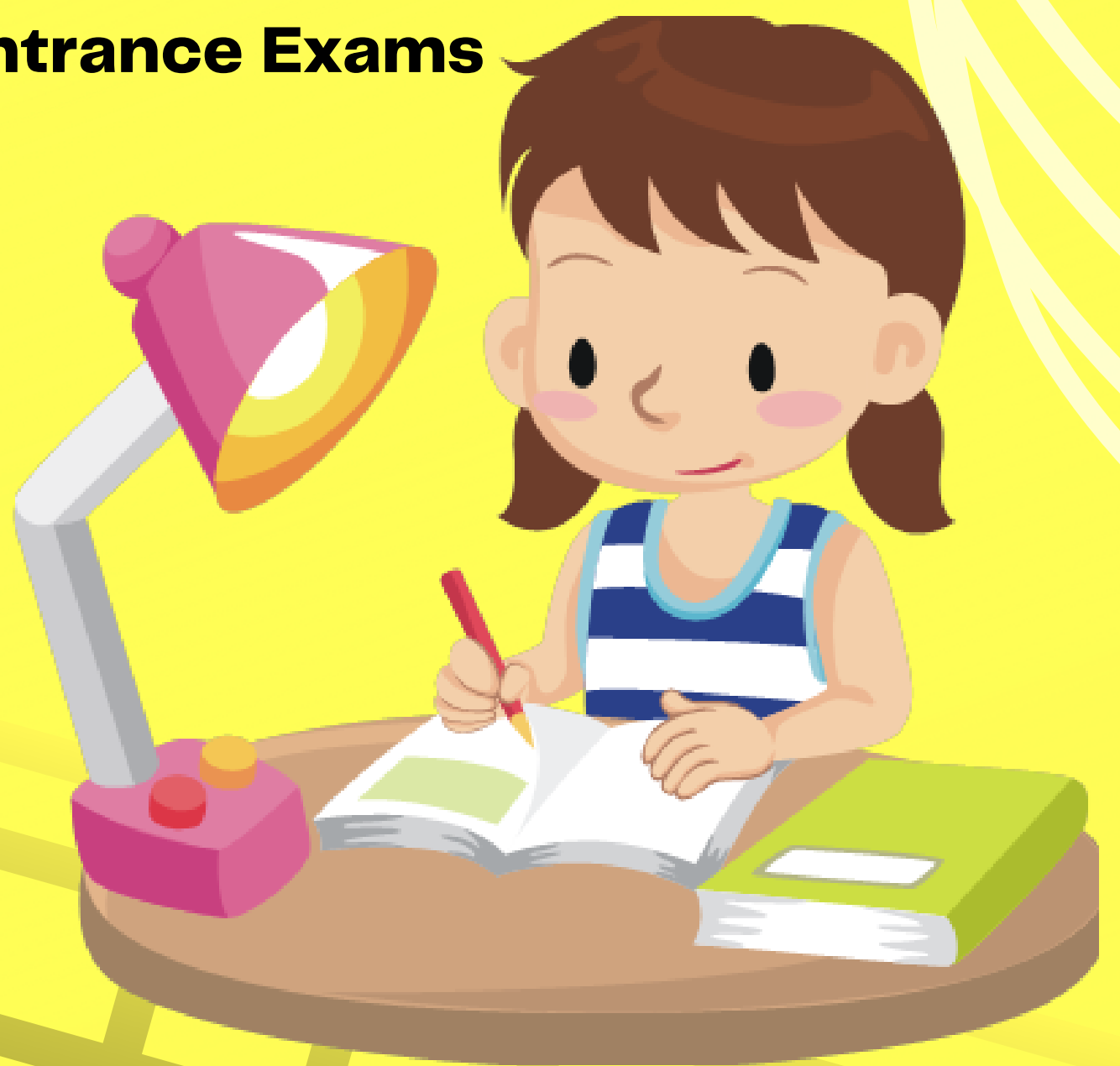


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11+ Comprehension Test 1 – Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone Extract

It was dark in the corridor. They walked in single file. Harry could hear movements around them, but couldn't see a thing. The coldness was definitely coming from the walls. Harry pressed his freezing fingers against the stone, lighting his wand, he saw that the narrow passageway was leading to a flight of stone steps, which were visible because of the light of his wand. They were narrow and steep, and spiraled down into blackness. They climbed slowly and steadily, listening hard for any sound that might mean someone was approaching. After about twenty minutes, just when Harry was thinking that he'd have been climbing for at least an hour, the steps started to widen, and soon they were walking along a dark tunnel wide enough to fit three people walking abreast. Harry could now make out walls on either side, which were made of the same rough, cold stone as the steps.

They continued to move cautiously, looking around for any signs of movement, and after a while, they came to an arched wooden door with a small barred window at eye level. Snape and Filch were clearly visible through the window, standing at the end of the passage, blocking the way forward. They seemed to be having an argument. Harry couldn't make out what they were saying, but he knew it couldn't be good. Quivering with fear, he pressed his ear against the door, trying to listen in. He could hear bits of the conversation now.

"... don't want to be seen coming out of the trapdoor," Snape was saying, "someone might work out what we're up to - don't forget, that's a Whomping Willow, that tree, it's very valuable -"

QUESTIONS Set 1: Answer these questions about the text you just read.

1. What could Harry hear while walking in the dark corridor? (1 mark)
2. How did Harry light his way through the narrow passageway? (1 mark)
3. How long did it take Harry and his friends to climb the steps? (2 marks)
4. What did Harry notice when the steps started to widen? (2 marks)
5. How many people could walk abreast in the dark tunnel? (2 marks)
6. What did Harry see through the small barred window in the arched wooden door? (2 marks)
7. Who was having an argument in front of the door? (2 marks)
8. Why did Snape not want to be seen coming out of the trapdoor? (2 marks)
9. What kind of tree was the Whomping Willow? (1 mark)
10. Why was the tree valuable? (1 mark)

Set 1:
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Turn Over

QUESTIONS Set 2: Answer these questions about the text you just read.

1.What is the atmosphere like in the corridor, and how does Harry feel about it? (2 marks)

2. What do the stone steps look like and what do they lead to? (2 marks)

3.How long have they been climbing the steps and what does Harry think about the time? (2 marks)

4.What do they see when the steps start to widen and how does Harry feel about it? (2 marks)

5.Describe Snape and Filch's appearance through the window and where are they standing? (2 marks)

6.What are Snape and Filch arguing about and why is Harry quivering with fear? (2 marks)

7.What is the Whomping Willow and why is it valuable? (2 marks)

8.Predict what Snape and Filch are up to and why do they not want to be seen? (2 marks)

9.Explain the danger that Harry and his friends might face in the future, based on this passage? (2 marks)

10.What is the mood of this passage and how does it contribute to the overall tone of the story. use evidence? (3 marks)

Set 2:
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End Of Test

Total:
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11+ Comprehension Test 2 – A Journey Through the Woods: A Descriptive Narrative

As the sun began to set over the horizon, the sky became ablaze with hues of pink and orange, painting a stunning masterpiece in the sky. The clouds, fluffy and white, looked like cotton candy against the warm tones of the sunset. The air was cool and crisp, carrying the scent of freshly cut grass and blooming flowers. The trees swayed gently in the breeze, rustling their leaves in a melodious symphony.

A lone bird chirped in the distance, its sweet song filling the air with a tranquil melody. As the darkness began to envelop the sky, the stars began to twinkle like diamonds, each one shining brighter than the next. The moon, full and round, cast a soft glow over the landscape below, illuminating the world in a soft, silver light.

As I walked along the path, I couldn't help but feel a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty of the world around me. Every step I took seemed to reveal a new sight, a new sound, a new sensation. The world was alive with beauty, and I felt lucky to be a part of it.

As the sun began to set, the sky transformed into a breathtaking canvas of deep oranges, fiery reds, and soft pinks. The clouds reflected the warm colors of the sun, creating a stunning contrast against the deep blue sky. It was a peaceful evening, the perfect setting for a moment of contemplation.

The soft rustling of leaves caught my attention, and I looked towards the trees that lined the path. They were tall and majestic, their branches reaching out towards the sky as if trying to touch the clouds. The leaves danced in the gentle breeze, their soft whispers echoing through the air.

The path itself was made of cobblestones, each one carefully laid to create a smooth and sturdy surface. It curved gently, following the natural contours of the land, and disappeared into the distance. The trees provided a welcome shade from the setting sun, and the occasional chirp of a bird or the distant bleating of a sheep was the only sound that could be heard.

As I walked, I noticed the delicate flowers that bloomed along the edge of the path. Their petals were a soft pink, their centers a deep shade of purple. They swayed gently in the breeze, as if bowing in gratitude to the sun that had nurtured them. I reached down to touch them, feeling the softness of the petals against my skin.

As the sun finally set, the sky turned into a deep shade of blue, and the stars began to twinkle in the sky. The path ahead of me disappeared into the darkness, and I took a deep breath, feeling grateful for the beauty that surrounded me. It was a moment of peace and serenity, a reminder that even in the chaos of the world, there were still moments of calm and beauty to be found.

Turn Over

QUESTIONS Set 1: Answer these questions about the text you just read.

1.What is the main subject of the descriptive text? (1 mark)

2.Which literary technique is used to describe the sunlight? (1 mark)

3. What is the author's tone when describing the dense forest? (1 mark)

4.What words and phrases are used to describe the forest floor? (2 mark)

5. What is the mood created by the description of the forest? (1 mark)

6. What does the use of the phrase "shrouded in darkness" suggest about the forest? (1 mark)

7. What is the effect of using the word "cacophony" to describe the sounds of the forest? (1 mark)

8. What literary technique is used to describe the leaves rustling in the wind? (1 mark)

9.What predictions can you make about the forest based on the author's description? (1 mark)

10.What does the use of the word "fetid" suggest about the forest? (1 mark)

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Turn Over

QUESTIONS Set 2: Answer these questions about the text you just read.

1.What are the colours described in the sky as the sun sets? (1 mark)

2.How are the clouds described in relation to the sunset? (1 mark)

3. What is the scent carried by the cool and crisp air? (1 mark)

4.Describe the movement of the trees in the breeze. (1 mark)

5.What sound fills the air as the darkness envelops the sky? (1 mark)

6.How are the stars described in the text? (1 mark)

7.How does the moon affect the landscape below? (1 mark)

8.How does the narrator feel as they walk along the path? (2 mark)

9.What emotions are evoked by the sunset described? (2 mark)

10.Describe the trees that line the path. (2 mark)

11.What is the sound that catches the narrator's attention? (1 mark)

12.Describe the flowers blooming along the edge of the path. (2 mark)

Set 2:
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Turn Over

QUESTIONS Set 3: Answer these questions about the text you just read.
The marks for each question indicates the depth and length of the expected response.

1. Describe the setting created by the sunset in the text. Include details about the colours, clouds, air and sounds. (3 marks)

2. Explain the significance of the moon and stars in creating a serene atmosphere in the text. How do they contribute to the overall beauty of the scene? (3 marks)

3. Reflect on the emotions and thoughts experienced by the narrator as they walk along the path. How does the beauty of the world around them impact their perception? (3 marks)

4. The author uses vivid imagery to describe the natural elements in the text. Discuss how the descriptions of the sky, trees, leaves and flowers contribute to the overall sensory experience of the scene. (4 marks)

5. In your own words, paint a picture of the path described in the text. Describe its characteristics, the role it plays in the setting, and how it enhances the sense of tranquility and beauty. (4 marks)

6. Analyse the theme of finding peace and serenity in the midst of natural beauty in the text. How does the author convey this theme through the descriptions of the sunset, moon, stars and other elements? Provide specific examples from the text to support your analysis. (4 marks)

Set 3:
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11+ Comprehension Test 3 – Think Before You Post: The Power of Social Media Responsibility

As we all know, social media has become a dominant force in today's society. It is rare to find someone who does not use social media in one form or another. However, despite its many benefits, social media can also have negative effects on our mental health, productivity, and relationships. It's time to re-evaluate our relationship with social media and consider taking a break.

First and foremost, social media can have a detrimental impact on our mental health. Constantly scrolling through social media can cause us to feel anxious, stressed, and overwhelmed. We are constantly bombarded with images of perfection and comparison, leading to feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem. Additionally, studies have shown that social media use can lead to symptoms of depression, anxiety, and sleep disorders.

Moreover, social media can also harm our productivity. It's easy to get sucked into the endless scroll, spending hours mindlessly browsing through feeds instead of focusing on important tasks. This can lead to procrastination and a lack of motivation, ultimately hindering our success and progress.

Lastly, social media can negatively impact our relationships. We may become so consumed with virtual interactions that we neglect our real-life relationships. This can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness, as well as strained relationships with family and friends.

In conclusion, while social media can be a useful tool, it is important to recognise its negative effects on our mental health, productivity, and relationships. Consider taking a break from social media and focusing on building real-life connections, pursuing our goals, and taking care of our mental health. Our well-being is worth prioritising.

Turn Over

QUESTIONS Set 1: Answer these questions about the text you just read.

1. What are some of the negative effects of social media on our mental health? (2 marks)

2. How can social media harm our productivity? (1 marks)

3. What are some of the negative effects of social media on our relationships? (1 marks)

4. Why is it important to re-evaluate our relationship with social media? (2 marks)

5. What is the writer's opinion on social media? (2 marks)

6. What literary technique is used when the writer says "It's time to re-evaluate our relationship with social media"? (1 marks)

7. What effect does the writer achieve when they say "We are constantly bombarded with images of perfection and comparison, leading to feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem"? (1 marks)

8. What is the writer's purpose in writing this text? (2 marks)

9. What is the tone of the text? (2 marks)

10. What is the writer's main argument in this text? (2 marks)

Total:
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Turn Over

QUESTIONS Set 2: Answer these questions about the text you just read.

1. According to the text, what are some potential negative effects of social media? (1 mark)

2.Explain how constant scrolling through social media can impact mental health. (2 marks)

3. Discuss the relationship between social media use and symptoms of depression, anxiety, and sleep disorders. (2 marks)

4.How does social media negatively affect productivity? Provide examples. (4 marks)

5. Explain how social media can impact real-life relationships and lead to feelings of isolation. (3 marks)

6. Based on the text, why is it important to re-evaluate our relationship with social media? (2 marks)

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Turn Over

QUESTIONS Set 2 (continued): Answer these questions about the text you just read.

7. Provide reasons why taking a break from social media is suggested in the text. (3 marks)

8. Discuss the significance of prioritising mental health in relation to social media use. (4 marks)

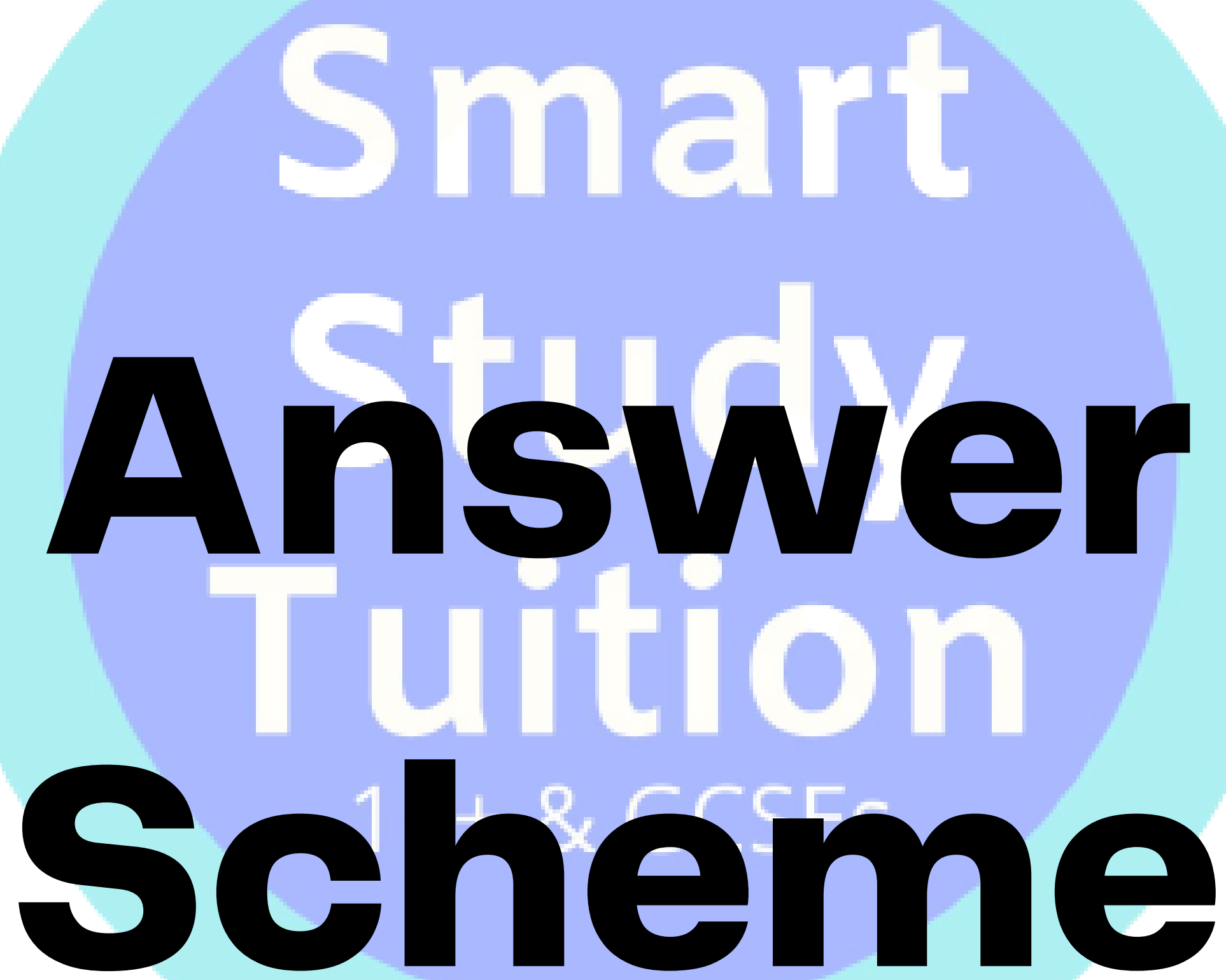
9. Analyse the statement "social media can have a detrimental impact on our mental health" using evidence from the text. (4 marks)

10. Summarise the main message conveyed in the text regarding social media use. (2 marks)

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End Of Test

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11+ Comprehension Test 1 – Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone Extract

Set 1 Answers

1. One-word answer: movements. (1 mark)
2. One-word answer: wand. (1 mark)
3. Short answer: About twenty minutes. (2 marks)
4. Short answer: The steps started to widen. (2 marks)
5. Short answer: Three. (2 marks)
6. Short answer: Snape and Filch. (2 marks)
7. Short answer: Snape and Filch. (2 marks)
8. Short answer: He didn't want someone to work out what they were up to. (2 marks)
9. Short answer: Whomping Willow. (1 mark)
10. Short answer: It was very valuable. (1 mark)

Set 2 Answers

1. The atmosphere is dark and cold in the corridor, and Harry is cold and can't see a thing.
2. The steps are narrow, steep, and spiralled down into blackness. They lead to a dark tunnel.
3. They've been climbing the steps for about twenty minutes, and Harry thinks that he's been climbing for at least an hour.
4. They see a dark tunnel wide enough to fit three people walking abreast when the steps start to widen. Harry is relieved to see walls on either side, which were made of the same rough, cold stone as the steps.
5. Snape and Filch are clearly visible through the small barred window, and they are standing at the end of the passage, blocking the way forward.
6. Answer: Snape and Filch are arguing about not wanting to be seen coming out of the trapdoor because someone might work out what they're up to, and Harry is quivering with fear because he knows it can't be good.
7. The Whomping Willow is a tree, and it's valuable because it guards the entrance to the Shrieking Shack, where Remus Lupin is hiding.
8. Snape and Filch are probably up to no good, and they don't want to be seen coming out of the trapdoor because they're doing something they shouldn't be doing, like trying to sneak into Hogwarts.
9. The danger that Harry and his friends might face in the future is significant, as evidenced by Snape and Filch's suspicious behaviour.
10. The mood of this passage is tense and suspenseful, as Harry and his friends are trying to avoid being caught by Snape and Filch. It contributes to the overall tone of the story by creating a sense of danger and urgency.

11+ Comprehension Test 2 – A Journey Through the Woods: A Descriptive Narrative

Set 1 Answers

1. The main subject of the descriptive text is a forest.
2. The literary technique used to describe the sunlight is personification.
3. The author's tone when describing the dense forest is ominous.
4. The words and phrases used to describe the forest floor are damp, spongy, and littered with debris.
5. The mood created by the description of the forest is eerie and foreboding.
6. The use of the phrase "shrouded in darkness" suggests that the forest is mysterious and perhaps dangerous.
7. The effect of using the word "cacophony" is to emphasize the chaotic and unpleasant nature of the sounds.
8. The literary technique used to describe the leaves rustling in the wind is imagery.
9. Based on the author's description, one prediction that can be made about the forest is that it is home to many different species of plants and animals.
10. The use of the word "fetid" suggests that the forest may have a strong and unpleasant odor, perhaps from decaying plant material or stagnant water.

Set 2 Answers

1. Colors in the sky: (1 mark) Hues of pink and orange
2. Description of clouds: (1 mark) Fluffy and white
3. Scent in the air: (1 mark) Freshly cut grass and blooming flowers
4. Movement of trees: (1 mark) Sway gently in the breeze; rustle their leaves
5. Sound filling the air: (1 mark) Lone bird chirping in the distance
6. Description of stars: (1 mark) Twinkle like diamonds
7. Moon's effect on the landscape: (1 mark) Casts a soft glow; illuminates the world
8. Feelings of the narrator: (2 marks) Sense of awe and wonder at the beauty of the world
9. Emotions evoked by the sunset: (2 marks) Tranquility, peace, contemplation, awe, wonder
10. Description of trees along the path: (2 marks) Tall, majestic; branches reaching towards the sky
11. Sound that catches the narrator's attention: (1 mark) Soft rustling of leaves
12. Description of flowers along the path: (2 marks) Soft pink petals, deep purple centers; swaying gently in the breeze

Set 3 Answers

1. Answer

- Colours: Hues of pink and orange (1 mark)
- Clouds: Fluffy and white (1 mark)
- Air: Cool and crisp; carries the scent of freshly cut grass and blooming flowers (1 mark)

Sample Answer: "The setting created by the sunset in the text is a vibrant and picturesque one. The sky is adorned with hues of pink and orange, painting a stunning masterpiece. The clouds, fluffy and white, resemble cotton candy against the warm tones of the sunset. The air is cool and crisp, carrying the refreshing scent of freshly cut grass and blooming flowers. In the background, a lone bird chirps, adding to the tranquil melody of the scene."

2. Answer

- Moon: Full and round; casts a soft glow over the landscape (1 mark)
- Stars: Twinkle like diamonds; shining brighter as the darkness envelops the sky (1 mark)
- Overall significance: Enhance the beauty, create a peaceful and serene atmosphere (1 mark)

Sample Answer: "The moon plays a significant role in the scene, being described as full and round, casting a soft glow over the landscape below. This soft glow adds a touch of tranquility and serenity to the setting. The stars, twinkling like diamonds, emerge as the darkness envelops the sky, gradually illuminating the scene. Their presence enhances the overall beauty of the scene, creating a magical and peaceful atmosphere that evokes a sense of awe and wonder."

3. Answer

- Emotions and thoughts: Awe, wonder, feeling lucky to be a part of it (1 mark)
- Impact of beauty: Heightens the sense of awe and wonder, deepens appreciation for the world (1 mark)
- Overall perception: Gratefulness, feeling alive and connected to nature (1 mark)

Sample Answer: "As the narrator walks along the path, they experience a range of emotions and thoughts. They feel a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty of the world around them, recognizing how fortunate they are to be a part of it. The beauty surrounding them deepens their appreciation for the world, heightening their sense of awe and wonder. It evokes a feeling of gratefulness and a sense of being alive and connected to nature, reminding them of the intrinsic beauty present in the world."

4. Answer

- Descriptions of the sky: Colours, clouds, sunset, stars (1 mark)
- Descriptions of trees: Tall, majestic, branches reaching towards the sky (1 mark)
- Descriptions of leaves: Rustling, gentle breeze, soft whispers (1 mark)
- Descriptions of flowers: Delicate, soft pink petals, deep purple centres, swaying gently (1 mark)

Sample Answer: "The author's use of vivid imagery immerses the reader in the sensory experience of the scene. The descriptions of the sky, with its colours, fluffy clouds, and the breathtaking sunset, create a vivid visual image that captivates the reader. The mention of stars twinkling like diamonds adds to the sensory experience, evoking a sense of wonder and beauty.

The descriptions of the trees further enhance the sensory experience, portraying them as tall and majestic, with branches reaching towards the sky. This imagery creates a sense of grandeur and adds to the overall enchanting atmosphere.

The descriptions of the leaves rustling in the gentle breeze and their soft whispers contribute to the auditory aspect of the scene. It creates a soothing and melodic ambiance, immersing the reader in the tranquil setting.

Additionally, the delicate flowers along the path are described with soft pink petals and deep purple centers, swaying gently in the breeze. This visual imagery combined with the mention of their fragrance and gentle movement adds a tactile and olfactory dimension to the sensory experience.

Overall, the author's skillful use of descriptive language paints a vivid picture of the natural elements, engaging the reader's senses of sight, sound, and touch, thus creating a multi-dimensional sensory experience in the scene.

Set 3 Answers

5. Answer

- Description of path characteristics: Cobblestones, smooth and sturdy surface, gentle curves (1 mark)
- Role of the path in the setting: Guides the reader through the scene, leads to new sights and experiences (1 mark)
- Enhancement of tranquility and beauty: Provides a sense of direction and order, complements the surrounding natural elements (1 mark)
- Overall effect on the atmosphere: Adds to the sense of peace, invites contemplation (1 mark)

Sample Answer: "The path described in the text is paved with cobblestones, creating a smooth and sturdy surface for the reader to visualise. It gently curves, following the natural contours of the land, inviting the reader to explore what lies ahead. The path plays a vital role in the setting, serving as a guide, leading the reader through the scene, and uncovering new sights, sounds, and sensations.

The path enhances the sense of tranquility and beauty by providing a sense of direction and order amidst the natural elements. It acts as a complement to the surrounding scenery, adding to the overall aesthetic appeal. The path's well-defined presence and structure contribute to the serene atmosphere, making it an integral part of the peaceful setting. It invites the reader to follow along, offering a sense of calmness and encouraging moments of contemplation."

6. Answer

- Identification of the theme: Finding peace and serenity in nature (1 mark)
- Descriptions of the sunset: Colours, warm tones, breathtaking canvas (1 mark)
- Descriptions of the moon: Soft glow, casting a serene light (1 mark)
- Descriptions of the stars: Twinkling like diamonds, shining brighter in darkness (1 mark)
- Overall effect of the descriptions: Evoke a sense of tranquility, emphasise the beauty of the natural world (1 mark)

Sample Answer: "The text conveys the theme of finding peace and serenity in the midst of natural beauty, highlighting the tranquil moments experienced by the narrator. The descriptions of the sunset evoke a sense of awe and wonder, using vivid imagery to depict the colours, warm tones, and the sunset as a breathtaking canvas. This portrayal emphasises the serenity and beauty found in nature."

11+ Comprehension Test 3 – Think Before You Post: The Power of Social Media Responsibility

Set 1 Answers

1: Constantly scrolling through social media can cause feelings of anxiety, stress, and overwhelm. Social media can also lead to symptoms of depression, anxiety, and sleep disorders.

2: Social media can harm our productivity by leading to procrastination and a lack of motivation. It's easy to get sucked into the endless scroll, spending hours mindlessly browsing through feeds instead of focusing on important tasks.

3: Social media can negatively impact our relationships by causing us to become so consumed with virtual interactions that we neglect our real-life relationships. This can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness, as well as strained relationships with family and friends.

4: It is important to re-evaluate our relationship with social media because it can have negative effects on our mental health, productivity, and relationships.

5: The writer acknowledges the benefits of social media but emphasises its negative effects on our mental health, productivity, and relationships. The writer suggests taking a break from social media to prioritise our well-being.

6: Rhetorical question.

7: The writer achieves a pathos appeal by using emotive language to elicit a sympathetic response from the reader.

8: The writer's purpose in writing this text is to encourage readers to recognise the negative effects of social media on their mental health, productivity, and relationships and to consider taking a break from social media to prioritise their well-being.

9: The tone of the text is persuasive and informative.

10: The writer's main argument is that social media can have negative effects on our mental health, productivity, and relationships and that it is important to re-evaluate our relationship with social media and consider taking a break to prioritise our well-being.

Set 2 Answers

- 1: Social media can have negative effects on mental health, productivity, and relationships. (1 mark)
2. Constant scrolling through social media can lead to feelings of anxiety, stress, and being overwhelmed. The comparison to images of perfection on social media can also result in low self-esteem. (2 marks)
3. Studies have shown a link between social media use and symptoms of depression, anxiety, and sleep disorders. (2 marks)
4. Social media can negatively affect productivity by causing distraction and leading to procrastination. For example, mindlessly browsing through feeds instead of working on assignments or projects can hinder progress. (3 marks)
5. Excessive use of social media can lead to neglect of real-life relationships, causing individuals to prioritise virtual interactions over face-to-face interactions. This can result in feelings of isolation and loneliness as well as strained relationships with family and friends. (3 marks)
6. It is important to re-evaluate our relationship with social media because of its potential negative impact on mental health, productivity, and relationships. (2 marks)
7. Taking a break from social media is suggested to focus on building real-life connections, pursuing personal goals, and prioritising mental health. It allows individuals to break free from the negative effects of constant social media use and regain a sense of balance and well-being. (3 marks)
8. Prioritising mental health in relation to social media use is crucial because excessive use can contribute to symptoms of depression, anxiety, and sleep disorders. Taking breaks from social media and engaging in activities that promote well-being can help maintain mental health and prevent potential negative consequences. (4 marks)
9. The text provides evidence that constantly scrolling through social media can lead to feelings of anxiety, stress, and being overwhelmed. The comparison to images of perfection on social media can also result in low self-esteem. Additionally, studies have shown a link between social media use and symptoms of depression, anxiety, and sleep disorders, supporting the statement that social media can have a detrimental impact on mental health. (4 marks)
10. The main message conveyed in the text is the importance of recognising the negative effects of social media on mental health, productivity, and relationships. It suggests taking breaks from social media and prioritising real-life connections, personal goals, and mental well-being. (2 marks)