



ALDERLEY EDGE  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

11+ Entrance Examination  
Wednesday 5 January 2022  
**ENGLISH PAPER**

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

Write your candidate number in the box below:

**CANDIDATE NUMBER**

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- There are **two sections** to the paper.
- **Section 1:** Reading. Answer **all** the questions. Spend about 45 minutes reading the passage and answering the questions which follow.
- **Section 2:** Writing. Choose **one** question. Spend 30 minutes planning and writing your answer.
- The number of marks for each question is shown at the end of each question. Use this as a guide for how much to write.

**Marks:**

Reading

Writing

Total

## SECTION 1: READING

**Spend about 45 minutes reading this passage and answering the questions which follow. Make sure you answer the questions in sentences.**

On the morning of the third day they had barely cast off when it started to rain. Max was sitting staring out at the splashes rebounding on the river, when he let out a scream.

“Sharks! Lila! Sharks!”

5 “Where?” Lila grabbed Max’s wrist. “Hold on to me,” she said. “Don’t move.”

Fred looked around. There was only the expanse of water and the thrum of falling rain.

10 “There are no sharks in the Amazon, Max,” he said. “You don’t have to worry.” But even as the words were leaving his mouth he saw what Max had seen: a fin, rising up out of the water.

Con screamed. Lila let out a hiss. Fred froze. He said, speaking through rigid jaws, “Max. Come away from that side of the raft.”

15 Then the fin dipped, disappeared, and out from the water leapt an arc of pinkish-grey body, curving against the rain and the thunder coloured sun.

“A dolphin!” said Lila. Her whole face was transformed.

Fred rubbed his eyes and looked again; but he hadn’t imagined it. The dolphin was pink.

20 The arc of pink was followed by another, dipping so that the half curve of its back rose out of the water and another, and then a puff of water from a dolphin’s blowhole. They were coming closer.

“Shall we jump in?” asked Fred. “Would they let us swim with them?”

“Don’t!” said Con. “There might be piranha!”

25 The pod of dolphins circled the raft at a distance. There were five of them, Fred thought, or possibly six. One leapt up, clean out of the water, only six feet away.

Max clapped and squealed. “Shh!” said Lila. “We have to be quiet, Maxie. They’re deciding if they trust us.”

30 It did seem that this was what the dolphins were doing: there was something speculative in the way they swam closer, doubled back and away, and closer again. Then without warning the pod turned and began to swim away. The rain grew thicker.

Fred's heart lurched. He couldn't bear to see them go. He pulled off his shoes, stood up and dived in, striking hard for the disappearing dolphins.

35 As he neared them, four of the dolphins sped up and ducked deeper into the water, but one turned. Fred trod water: he held out his hand.

He tried to stay as still as he could. The dolphin swam up to him, a shape approaching under the surface. He gasped, and spat out water. It was rose-grey and covered in deep scars along its back. Its snout was lined with fierce  
40 looking teeth, but its eyes were steady and soft.

Fred tried to steady his breathing. It was the most astonishing thing he'd ever seen; it was like a battered river god. He held out his hand again.

"Hello," he whispered. "I'm Fred".

## QUESTIONS

Answer the questions as fully as possible. Write in sentences. Do not rush.

1 What is the weather like?

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(1 mark)

2 Where are the group of children?

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(2 marks)

3 What is Fred's first response to what Max says?

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(1 mark)

4 What is the first part of the dolphin which Fred sees?

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(1 mark)

- 5 In lines 4-13, the writer describes the children's first reactions when they see the dolphin. Complete the table below, using only lines 4-13.

	Write an adjective which describes how the child feels.	Copy a quotation which supports your answer.
Max		
Lila		
Con		

**(3 marks)**

6 Can you explain what the following words mean in this extract?

Rebounding: \_\_\_\_\_

Rigid: \_\_\_\_\_

Speculative: \_\_\_\_\_

**(3 marks)**

7 Give two reasons how you know that Max is the youngest child?

You can refer to any part of the extract. Use examples to support your ideas.

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**(4 marks)**







## SECTION 2: WRITING

Choose **one** of the following questions.

Aim to write at least three paragraphs.

Plan your writing before you start.

You will be assessed on:

- the content (ideas) of your writing
- the way you structure and paragraph your writing
- the accuracy of your spelling and punctuation

### **EITHER**

Write a description of an outdoor place.

### **OR**

Write a speech to inform Year 6 pupils about a memorable experience you have had.

### **OR**

Continue the story from where it ends (line 43).

<p><b>Total:</b> <b>30 marks</b></p>
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