



TEST 2

ENGLISH

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Feedback:

Read the following guidelines before you start:

1. Open this booklet only when you have been told to do so.
2. You can use the area around the question for your working out.
3. Aim to complete all the questions within the time limit.
4. If you make a mistake, cross it out and clearly write the new answer.
5. If you get stuck on a question, do not waste time and move on to the next one.
6. Do not speak to anyone once the test has started.
7. You are **NOT** allowed to use an electronic calculator.

Time: 40 minutes

For examiner's use only

Question	Score
1 _____	_____ (max 1)
2 _____	_____ (max 6)
3 _____	_____ (max 6)
4 _____	_____ (max 5)
5 _____	_____ (max 4)
6 _____	_____ (max 6)
7 _____	_____ (max 10)
8 _____	_____ (max 6)
9 _____	_____ (max 6)

Total out of 50:

Grade:

This passage is from the novel “**Little Women**” by American author Louisa May Alcott. The book was written and set in the Alcott family home, Orchard House, in Concord, Massachusetts. It was published in two volumes in 1868 and 1869.

Read carefully and answer ALL the questions

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"Oh, dear, how hard it does seem to take up our packs and go on," sighed Meg the morning after the party, for now the holidays were over, the week of merrymaking did not fit her for going on easily with the task she never liked.

"I wish it was Christmas or New Year's all the time. Wouldn't it be fun?" answered Jo, yawning dismally.

5 "We shouldn't enjoy ourselves half so much as we do now. But it does seem so nice to have little suppers and bouquets, and go to parties, and drive home, and read and rest, and not work. It's like other people, you know, and I always envy girls who do such things, I'm so fond of luxury," said Meg, trying to decide which of two shabby gowns was the least shabby.

"Well, we can't have it, so don't let us grumble but shoulder our bundles and trudge along as cheerfully as Marmee does. I'm sure Aunt March is a regular Old Man of the Sea to me, but I suppose when I've learned to carry her without complaining, she will tumble off, or get so light that I shan't mind her."

10 This idea tickled Jo's fancy and put her in good spirits, but Meg didn't brighten, for her burden, consisting of four spoiled children, seemed heavier than ever. She had not heart enough even to make herself pretty as usual by putting on a blue neck ribbon and dressing her hair in the most becoming way.

15 "Where's the use of looking nice, when no one sees me but those cross midgets, and no one cares whether I'm pretty or not?" she muttered, shutting her drawer with a jerk. "I shall have to toil and moil all my days, with only little bits of fun now and then, and get old and ugly and sour, because I'm poor and can't enjoy my life as other girls do. It's a shame!"

So Meg went down, wearing an injured look, and wasn't at all agreeable at breakfast time. Everyone seemed rather out of sorts and inclined to croak.

Beth had a headache and lay on the sofa, trying to comfort herself with the cat and three kittens. Amy was fretting because her lessons were not learned, and she couldn't find her rubbers. Jo would whistle and make a great racket getting ready.

20 Mrs. March was very busy trying to finish a letter, which must go at once, and Hannah had the grumps, for being up late didn't suit her.

"There never was such a cross family!" cried Jo, losing her temper when she had upset an inkstand, broken both boot lacings, and sat down upon her hat.

25 "You're the crossest person in it!" returned Amy, washing out the sum that was all wrong with the tears that had fallen on her slate.

"Beth, if you don't keep these horrid cats down cellar I'll have them drowned," exclaimed Meg angrily as she tried to get rid of the kitten which had scrambled up her back and stuck like a burr just out of reach.

Jo laughed, Meg scolded, Beth implored, and Amy wailed because she couldn't remember how much nine times twelve was.

30 "Girls, girls, do be quiet one minute! I must get this off by the early mail, and you drive me distracted with your worry," cried Mrs. March, crossing out the third spoiled sentence in her letter.

There was a momentary lull, broken by Hannah, who stalked in, laid two hot turnovers on the table, and stalked out again. These turnovers were an institution, and the girls called them 'muffs,' for they had no others and found the hot pies very comforting to their hands on cold mornings.

35 Hannah never forgot to make them, no matter how busy or grumpy she might be, for the walk was long and bleak. The poor things got no other lunch and were seldom home before two.

"Cuddle your cats and get over your headache, Bethy. Goodbye, Marmee. We are a set of rascals this morning, but we'll come home regular angels. Now then, Meg!" And Jo tramped away, feeling that the pilgrims were not setting out as they ought to do.

40 They always looked back before turning the corner, for their mother was always at the window to nod and smile, and wave her hand to them. Somehow it seemed as if they couldn't have got through the day without that, for whatever their mood might be, the last glimpse of that motherly face was sure to affect them like sunshine.

"If Marmee shook her fist instead of kissing her hand to us, it would serve us right, for more ungrateful wretches than we are were never seen," cried Jo, taking a remorseful satisfaction in the snowy walk and bitter wind.

You have 40 minutes to complete this paper. Write your answer clearly in the space provided.

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1 What word could be used to replace “Merrymaking” (line 2) in the passage?

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2 Which of the following are true or false, and which do we not know from the passage? (Write TRUE, FALSE or WE DON'T KNOW in the space after each statement.)

- A) Meg was unhappy about going back to her usual work. _____
- B) Meg attended another party before Christmas. _____
- C) Meg immensely enjoyed her job. _____
- D) Jo yawned in a miserable manner. _____
- E) Jo wished that it would be Christmas all the time. _____
- F) Meg was fond of a particular boy _____

6
Marks

3 Which of the following are true about Meg? (TICK the correct answers and CROSS the incorrect answers.)

- A) Meg was fond of luxury. _____
- B) Meg envied girls who indulged in luxury. _____
- C) Meg's idea of luxury was:
- i) Wearing expensive jewellery. _____
- ii) Attending social gatherings. _____
- iii) Having a meal; Holding bunch of flowers. _____
- iv) Meeting a rich suitor and getting married. _____

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4 Put a **TICK** by the reason suggested in the passage and a **CROSS** by those that are not.

- A) Meg decided to stop complaining and get on with their lives. _____
- B) Marmee is portrayed as a grumpy person. _____
- C) Meg makes herself look pretty by:
 - i) Wearing blue waist ribbon. _____
 - ii) Dressing her hair under a bonnet. _____
 - iii) Dressing her hair in a most suited way. _____

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5 In the passage, Meg describes Aunt March as “An Old Man of the Sea”. What do you think it means? (Put **TICK/S** by the reasons most strongly supported by the passage.)

- A) A very wise and knowledgeable figure. _____
- B) A person who sails on the sea frequently. _____
- C) An unwanted figure like a burden to carry. _____
- D) A guardian angel. _____

4
marks

6 Put a **TICK** by the statements that are true, and a **CROSS** by those that are false.

- A) Hannah never bothered to make anything for breakfast because she couldn't be bothered. _____
- B) Jo thought they were acting like a bunch of rascals. _____
- C) Their mother's face always made them joyous. _____

- D) They always nodded back to see the kittens before they left. _____
- E) Jo thought Marmee should be proud of them. _____
- F) Jo thought Marmee should beat them for their behaviour. _____

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6 marks

7 Select from the passage one word that most closely corresponds to the word or phrase on the left below. Guidance is provided regarding the location of the words.

- A) dreary: (lines 1-5): _____
- B) march (lines 5-10): _____
- C) fall over (line 5-10): _____
- D) work (line 10-15): _____
- E) a low hoarse sound (lines 15-20): _____
- F) worry (lines 15-20): _____
- G) commotion: (lines 15-20): _____
- H) move quickly (lines 25-30): _____
- I) beg (line 25-30): _____
- J) quiet period (lines 30-35): _____

10 marks

8 Answer the following questions.

- A) What is it that Meg said that humoured Jo?

- B) Why didn't Meg brighten up even though Jo did?

Please leave blank

C) Quote **ONE** evidence from the passage showing that Meg was feeling depressed.

D) What did Meg threaten Beth with about what that she would do to the cats?

E) What does the author mean by “Meg went down with an “injured” look?”

F) Why did Amy wail?

6
marks

9 Rewrite the following sentence with the correct use of punctuation, including capital letters where necessary.

dont use such dreadful expressions replied meg from the depths of the veil she had shrouded herself like a nun sick of the world

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY TIME REMAINING, CHECK YOUR
ANSWERS AGAIN.**



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