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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2010
PART 2 ENGLISH EXAMINATION
COMPREHENSION

**You have 45 minutes for this section
which is worth a total of 32 marks.**

**Write your name and candidate number
in the spaces provided above.**

Remove the Comprehension Passage from the booklet.

**Read through the passage and questions very carefully before
you write anything at all.**

You should spend at least five minutes reading and thinking.

**Write each answer in the space provided after the question.
If you run out of space for an answer, use the space provided
at the back of the booklet.**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to start.

Write each answer in the space provided after the question. The amount of space provided gives you an indication of how much to write. If you run out of space for an answer, use the sheet provided at the back of the book.

1. What three skills does Smith possess that makes him an expert pick-pocket? [3 marks]

2. Why is Ludgate Hill such a good place for Smith to find his victims? [3 marks]

3. (a) Smith believes that the old man comes from the country. Give three details which lead him to think that this is the case? Make sure you use your own words in answering this question. [3 marks]

- (b) What makes him a tempting victim? [1 mark]

- (c) What is the old man trying to do in London? [1 mark]

4. The writer tells us that the old man walks into 'the deepest heart of Smith's forest'. What does the phrase 'Smith's forest' suggest about the area? Write down at least two points. [2 marks]

5. (a) Why does the old man give a 'cry of success'? [1 mark]

- (b) How does the presence of the raven seem to contradict this success? [2 marks]

6. How does Smith confuse the old man immediately before robbing him? [2 marks]

7. (a) Smith recognises the two men who enter the alley.
What are his feelings about them? [2 marks]

- (b) We are told that the two men are 'experts in their trade'. What do you think their 'trade' may be? [2 marks]

8. What is the last thing the old man sees before he dies?

9. Smith goes through a range of emotions in the extract. Write down two, and explain in your own words what causes each. [4 marks]

10. Most readers find the atmosphere of the story exciting. Choose two aspects of the passage that you find exciting and briefly explain your choice in each case. [4 marks]

Remember to write down the number of the question you are working on.

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