

SHEBBEAR COLLEGE



**English Paper 2
Comprehension**

2005

11+ Entrance Paper

Time allowed: 1 hour 10 minutes



READ THE POEM AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON PAGE 2

The Way Through the Woods

By Rudyard Kipling

They shut the road through the woods
Seventy years ago.

Weather and rain have undone it again,
And now you would never know

There was once a road through the woods 5
Before they planted the trees.

It is underneath the coppice and heath
And the thin anemones.

Only the keeper sees

That, where the ring-dove broods, 10
And the badgers roll at ease,

There was once a road through the woods.

Yet if you enter the woods

Of a summer evening late,

When the night-air cools on the trout-ringed pools 15

Where the otter whistles his mate,

(They fear not men in the woods,

Because they see so few.)

You will hear the beat of a horse's feet,

And the swish of a skirt in the dew, 20

Steadily cantering through

The misty solitudes,

As though they perfectly knew

The old lost road through the woods...

But there is no road through the woods: 25

Think carefully before writing about these questions.

Write in full sentences.

You may wish to write two or three sentences to answer questions worth more than 3 marks.

You may quote from the text to help your answer.

1. What was “shut”? [1 mark].
2. What was in the wood before the trees were planted? [1 mark].
3. What does “cantering” mean? [3 marks].
4. Name the three animals Kipling writes about. [4 marks].
5. Why are the animals in the woods unafraid of men? [3 marks].
6. List three words that describe movement in this poem. [3 marks].
7. Is this a rhyming poem? [3 marks].
8. Who might “they” be (lines 1 and 6)? [5 marks].
9. Why do you think the wildlife in the wood is described in such detail?
[5 marks].
10. Explain why the words “through the woods” are repeated five times
in this poem? [5 marks].
11. Explain why you like or do not like this poem. Write three to five
sentences. It will help to write about the images and the language of
the poem. [7 marks].

40 marks available in total

Read the following passage from a new novel called:

'Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society'

by Adeline Yen Mah

Chapter One

The Boy Acrobats

It was a _____ afternoon in early spring when I set off after school to Big Aunt's place for my daily _____ lesson. I _____ thinking of a kung fu novel I was _____ about a warrior monk with an iron hand as I hopped off the tram near the Du Mei Gardens, opposite my aunt's apartment.

The sounds of a _____ drifted on the air with the heady fragrance _____ lilac blossoms, and suddenly I saw three _____, wearing colourful satin _____ with matching caps of red, blue and green, rounding a rhododendron bush into the park. I _____ Big Aunt would worry if I was _____, but I couldn't resist following them.

Write out the paragraphs neatly filling-in the gaps with words from the list below.

knew	English	was	bamboo flute	boys
sunny	late	reading	of	costumes

Make sure you write neatly!

10 marks available for this question.

Total for paper = 50 marks