



RADLEY

Academic Scholarship Examination Paper

STAGE ONE

ENGLISH 1

24 January 2023

Time allowed – 2 hours

45 minutes: Section A – Comprehension (20 marks)

30 minutes: Section B – Creative Writing (10 marks)

45 minutes: Section C – Essay Writing (20 marks)

Answer **ALL** the questions. Write in full sentences throughout.

You are expected to write accurate, well-punctuated prose.

Write your answers on separate pieces of paper.

Section A: Comprehension

Sleeping Out

No wind in the pines —
I didn't believe the forecast
yet pulled my bivvy bag
part-way under the awning
where I could still see the stars.

When I woke, it had snowed
a light coverlet on me; more
— say two inches — on the ground
and melting already
so the tracks of a creature

which had stalked round
my unknowing body
were hard to decipher,
their indents collapsing:
four-toed I thought —

a fox's most likely
or were the prints wider,
the tread of a wildcat?
Some moist muzzle
had leaned close by my head

breathing my breath
and eavesdropping dreams
while taking my measure
along and back then around
— much the same as the way

I might sniff at a spraint*
or track deer-slots
to a lair, as if I might
bed down too, try out
how the world feels from there.

Jane Routh

* The droppings of an otter

**Answer the following question in full sentences.
Make close reference to the poem, by quoting.**

How does the poet use language, form, and structure to present the speaker and their experience? (20)

Section B: Creative Writing

Describe a person doing their job

OR

Describe a person eating their lunch

Your piece should be as vivid, interesting, and accurately written as possible.

(10)

Section C: Essay Writing

'Never apologise for showing feeling. When you do so, you apologise for the truth.'

Benjamin Disraeli

- Write a short essay expressing your views on this statement.
- Consider what you have read, as well as what you believe.

You will be rewarded for the clarity and creativity of your writing. Accurate punctuation, grammar and spelling are also extremely important.

(20)

End of Paper