

NILE TUITION ACADEMY

EXCELLENCE IN 11+ PREPARATION

English — Mark Scheme

Sutton SET style · Tutor / parent copy · 53 questions · 1 mark each

Award **1 mark** per question; no negative marking. Maximum **53 marks**. For “choose two” and “select all” questions, award the mark only if **every** required option is chosen and **no** extra option is added. The four sections mirror the SET English and test the full range of skills: spelling, literal comprehension, inference, vocabulary, **writer's style and tone**, **literary devices** and **grammar / word classes**. Note her score in each section separately.

Section 1 — Spelling

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
1	Spelling	one answer	C	beginning
2	Spelling	one answer	A	different
3	Spelling	one answer	A	favourite
4	Spelling	one answer	C	calendar
5	Spelling	one answer	C	rhythm
6	Spelling	one answer	E	library
7	Spelling	one answer	D	Wednesday
8	Spelling	one answer	A	grammar
9	Spelling	one answer	D	occured
10	Spelling	choose two	B + E	tomorrow / definitely

Section 2 — Text A: “The Lighthouse”

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
11	Text A	one answer	E	nine o'clock
12	Text A	best explanation	D	The house was empty, so the bare rooms echoed
13	Text A	best explanation	B	She was more upset about leaving than she was letting him see
14	Text A	best explanation	B	The unfaded paint recalls earlier, happier times in the house
15	Text A	one answer	A	empty and lifeless, just an outer structure

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
16	Text A	choose two	B + E	He pressed his hand to the apple tree, lost for words / He was reluctant to step over the threshold
17	Text A	best explanation	D	The feeling of saying goodbye to something he loved was too big for words
18	Text A	best explanation	C	The people and memories matter more than the building itself
19	Text A	one answer	A	cheerful and capable on the surface, while hiding her sadness
20	Text A	select all	B + D + E	Theo had once had a rope swing on the apple tree / By the end, Theo felt a flicker of curiosity about the future / The house was empty of furniture
21	Text A	one answer	E	unwilling and hesitant
22	Text A	best explanation	A	Crossing the threshold one last time would make the leaving feel final
23	Text A	best explanation	A	how strange and unfamiliar the empty house now felt to Theo
24	Text A	best explanation	D	On the morning his family move out, a boy walks through his empty home, struggles to leave, and ends with mixed feelings
25	Text A	best explanation	E	His sadness is joined by an unexpected flicker of curiosity about the future
26	Text A	one answer	A	adjective
27	Text A	best explanation	C	how quickly something built up over a long time was undone
28	Text A	one answer	D	with clear, determined intention

Section 3 — Text B: “The Fox”

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
29	Text B	one answer	C	an old oak tree and the passing of time
30	Text B	best explanation	A	the road and the town being built over time
31	Text B	one answer	C	a simile
32	Text B	best explanation	B	The tree is far older and more lasting than the people who know it
33	Text B	choose two	A + D	it “does not fear” the turning year / it “watched them rise”
34	Text B	best explanation	E	The oak endures for ages, while human lives are short
35	Text B	best explanation	B	Human lives are brief next to the long life of the tree
36	Text B	one answer	B	alliteration
37	Text B	select all	A + C + E	The tree comes back to life each spring / The oak is older than the road and the town / Children have carved their marks on the tree
38	Text B	one answer	B	calm and reflective
39	Text B	best explanation	D	hands opening
40	Text B	one answer	B	enormous and enduring, unhurried through the years
41	Text B	best explanation	E	holds memory and history beyond even what it has witnessed
42	Text B	one answer	E	slow and calm, in no rush
43	Text B	best explanation	E	To emphasise how ancient the tree is
44	Text B	one answer	D	adjective

Section 4 — Comparison

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
45	Comparison	one answer	B	time, memory and change
46	Comparison	best explanation	D	time passes and things change, while some things endure
47	Comparison	choose two	D + E	both use vivid imagery to create feeling / both deal with the passing of time
48	Comparison	one answer	C	Text A is a story written in prose, while Text B is a poem in verse

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
49	Comparison	best explanation	B	Text A shows one boy's personal experience of leaving home, while Text B reflects more broadly on time across generations
50	Comparison	one answer	E	the enduring old oak tree
51	Comparison	one answer	B	figurative language, such as similes and metaphors
52	Comparison	best explanation	C	Text A ends with mixed sadness and curiosity, while Text B ends with a calm sense of endurance
53	Comparison	one answer	A	verses (stanzas)

END OF MARK SCHEME
