

NILE TUITION ACADEMY

EXCELLENCE IN 11+ PREPARATION

English — Mark Scheme

Sutton SET style · Practice Paper 8 · 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 the score in each section separately.

Section 1 — Spelling

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
1	Spelling	one answer	B	library
2	Spelling	one answer	C	interrupt
3	Spelling	one answer	D	government
4	Spelling	one answer	E	queue
5	Spelling	one answer	B	rhythm
6	Spelling	one answer	A	conscience
7	Spelling	one answer	D	disappear
8	Spelling	one answer	B	mischievous
9	Spelling	one answer	A	embarrass
10	Spelling	choose two	A + E	surprise / definitely

Section 2 — Text A: “The Allotment”

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
11	Text A	one answer	D	he thought it was the least exciting place in the world
12	Text A	best explanation	A	knew and cared for her plants well, as if they were friends
13	Text A	best explanation	A	gardening is mostly about waiting patiently
14	Text A	best explanation	D	personification
15	Text A	best explanation	E	the seeds were so small that he could not imagine anything growing from them
16	Text A	best explanation	E	his patience had been rewarded, and the plants had grown after all
17	Text A	one answer	E	small details such as the bees, the smell of the soil, and a tomato turning red
18	Text A	best explanation	E	wonderful and almost magical

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
19	Text A	best explanation	D	that the waiting was not the boring part but the whole point of gardening
20	Text A	choose two	C + D	he began to notice things like the bees and the smell of the soil / he felt a fierce pride when his seeds grew
21	Text A	best explanation	B	A boy who finds his grandmother's allotment boring learns the value of patience when his own seeds finally grow
22	Text A	one answer	E	verb
23	Text A	one answer	C	adjective
24	Text A	one answer	A	delicate and easily broken
25	Text A	one answer	C	pushing up firmly, as if they would not be stopped
26	Text A	best explanation	C	a metaphor
27	Text A	best explanation	A	he "crouched down and stared" at the shoots in soil he had thought was empty
28	Text A	best explanation	A	from bored and doubtful to proud and genuinely interested

Section 3 — Text B: “Seeds”

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
29	Text B	one answer	C	how seeds grow slowly, and the patience this takes
30	Text B	best explanation	C	personification
31	Text B	best explanation	C	inside the small seed is everything needed to grow into a tree
32	Text B	one answer	E	a simile
33	Text B	best explanation	D	the rain gently and slowly helps the seeds to grow, like careful hands
34	Text B	best explanation	D	personification
35	Text B	one answer	A	sleeping soil
36	Text B	best explanation	D	seeds grow at their own pace and cannot be hurried
37	Text B	best explanation	E	a metaphor
38	Text B	best explanation	C	important things such as trust, like plants, take time and patience to grow
39	Text B	one answer	B	calm and gently encouraging
40	Text B	one answer	B	very small
41	Text B	one answer	B	adjective
42	Text B	best explanation	B	to emphasise how gradually the plants grow
43	Text B	choose two	A + E	“the sun leans warm across the row” / “they wake in their own time, not ours”
44	Text B	select all	B + D + E	The poem compares growing plants to building trust / Seeds grow slowly and cannot be rushed / A seed contains everything it needs to grow

Section 4 — Comparison

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
45	Comparison	one answer	B	both are about growing plants and the patience it takes
46	Comparison	best explanation	C	growing things cannot be rushed and need patience
47	Comparison	choose two	B + E	both use figurative language to describe plants / both are about seeds and growing
48	Comparison	one answer	E	Text A is a story written in prose, while Text B is a poem in verse
49	Comparison	best explanation	A	Text A tells the story of one boy learning patience, while Text B reflects more generally on seeds and patience
50	Comparison	one answer	B	good things take time and patience to grow
51	Comparison	one answer	D	figurative language, such as similes and metaphors

Q	Section	Type	Answer	Correct option(s)
52	Comparison	best explanation	C	Text A shows the lesson through a boy and his grandmother, while Text B states it more directly as advice
53	Comparison	one answer	B	verses (stanzas)

END OF MARK SCHEME
