



13+ Scholarship Examinations 2018

ENGLISH

1 hour 15 minutes

50 marks

Answer both sections, choosing one question from Section B

**You should spend 10 minutes reading and annotating the poem,
and spend five minutes at the end reading over your work**

You should spend about 30 minutes answering each question

Write your name clearly on every sheet of paper used

A Little Boy Lost

Nought loves another as itself,
Nor venerates another so,
Nor is it possible to thought
A greater than itself to know.

'And, father, how can I love you
Or any of my brothers more?
I love you like the little bird
That picks up crumbs around the door.'

The Priest sat by and heard the child;
In trembling zeal he seized his hair,
He led him by his little coat,
And all admired the priestly care.

And standing on the altar high,
'Lo, what a fiend is here!' said he:
'One who sets reason up for judge
Of our most holy mystery.'

The weeping child could not be heard,
The weeping parents wept in vain:
They stripped him to his little shirt,
And bound him in an iron chain,

And burned him in a holy place
Where many had been burned before;
The weeping parents wept in vain.
Are such things done on Albion's shore?¹

¹ Albion = ancient name for England.

Section A

How is the priest presented in this poem? In your answer, you should refer to the poet's language and use of poetic techniques.

(25 marks)

Section B

Either:

- a) Imagine you are the priest in the poem. Your actions have been questioned by a local journalist. Write your defence of them.
- b) Imagine that you are a tourist visiting this church for the first time. You witness the events of the poem. Write a letter home, describing your experiences.

(25 marks)

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