

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper consists of SECTION A and SECTION B.
2. Answer ALL the questions.
3. Begin the answers to each section on a new page.
4. Leave a line open between your answers.
5. Draw a margin on the right hand side of the page.
6. Staple your answers to the front of you question paper.

SECTION A – KATY OF SKY ROAD**QUESTION 1**

Read the following extract from the story and answer the questions that follow:

“I know,” Auntie Rose says. “Do you want tea?”

“I had next door. Where’s Katy?”

“Upstairs.”

“Her light’s off.”

“She must be sleeping.”

“You know, Rosie, I thought she would like that dress.”

“She’s growing up, Hector. She has her own style now.”

“Yes, it seems so.”

I’m grateful Auntie Rose doesn’t tell him about the ‘show’. I shut my eyes tight as I hear him climb the stairs. He opens my door, flicks my light on and off again, creeps up to my bed and stands there for a moment, walks over to my window and closes it. Then he tiptoes out again, shutting the door behind him.

I know he meant well. I just don’t know who he thinks I am. He does not know me any more.

Fast forward to school.

Melissa thinks she can make a plan.

“Friday’s the day after tomorrow,” I say.

“Yes, yes. We will go shopping tomorrow.”

“With what money?”

“Don’t worry. I’ll make a plan. All you need is taxi fare. Ask Zekie.”

“I want to stay away from him.”

“By the way, where is he? Wes was also looking for him earlier on.”

“Sick again. And then they blame me, says he’s on tik and I must know about it.”

“He *must* stop smoking,” Melissa says slowly.

“What is he really up to, Melissa? Do you know?”

Melissa shakes her head slowly.

“Zeke must stop with his @#\$,” is all she says.

1.1 What dress is Hector talking about?

- 1.2 Why did Katy not like the dress? (1)
- 1.3 What does Katy need new clothes for? (2)
- 1.4 What plan did Melissa make to get Katy the right clothes for the concert? (2)
- 1.5 Who is Katy's ballroom dance teacher? (2)
- 1.6 What reason did Katy give her ballroom dance teacher and Wesley for not doing ballroom dancing anymore? (1)
- 1.7 What is wrong with Zekie? (4)
- 1.8 Who is Katy dancing with in the competition? (1)
- 1.9 Why is this dance competition so important to Katy's new partner? (1)
- 1.10 What would Hector do if he finds out about the competition? (2)
- 1.11 What is the name of the hairdresser living in Katy's backyard? (2)
- 1.12 How does Wesley feel about Katy? (1)
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SECTION B – POETRY

Question 2

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

A Wish for My Children

On this doorstep I stand
Year after year
To watch you going

And think: may you not
Skin your knees. May you
Not catch your fingers
In car doors. May
Your heart not break.

May tide and weather
Wait for your coming

And may you grow strong
To break
All webs of my weaving

2.1 Who is the "I" in this poem?

- A. brother
- B. sister
- C. mother
- D. doctor

(1)

2.2 Who is the person watching go?

(1)

2.3 What wish is the person making?

(3)

2.4 How can you break your heart?

(1)

2.5 What is the writer referring to when she talks about "webs of my weaving"?

(2)

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

The Shark – by Lord Alfred Douglas
A treacherous monster is the shark
He never makes the least remark...

He watches you take off your clothes,
And not the least excitement shows.

He waits till you are quite undressed,
And seems to take no interest.

And when towards the sea you leap,
He looks as if he were asleep.

But when you once get in his range,
His whole demeanour seems to change.

He throws his body right about
And his true character comes out...

After his warning you will wish
To keep clear of this treacherous fish.

His back is black, his stomach white,
He has a very dangerous bite.

- 2.6 What is the meaning of treacherous? (1)
- 2.7 What is the meaning of the word “remark”? (1)
- 2.8 What is the meaning of the word “astounding”? (1)
- 2.9 What is the meaning of “demeanour”? (1)
- 2.10 How does a shark know you are about to take a swim? (1)
- 2.11 How does a shark make you think he is not interested in hunting you? (1)
- 2.12 What happens when you swim too close to the shark? (2)
- 2.13 What colours are a shark? (2)
- 2.14 Which two words rhyme in stanza 8? (2)
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