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1 hour

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading text.

This document has **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A: Reading

Spend 30 minutes on this section.

Read the **text** in the insert, and answer Questions 1–8.

- 1** Look at line 2.
What does the opening sentence do?
Tick (✓) **one** box.

It introduces the reader to...

the time of day. ☐

the story genre. ☐

the main theme. ☐

the story location. ☐

[1]

2 Look at lines 3–7.

(a) How does this paragraph refer back to the snow in the first line without repeating the word 'snow'? Give **two** ways.

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[2]

(b) The text uses different verbs to describe the movement of the snow. Match the verbs with their definitions. One example has been done for you.

Verb	Definition
dances	moving slowly towards the ground
wisps	moving rhythmically as if to music
flurries	moving delicately in a thin line like clouds, smoke or steam
drifts (down)	moving in small, swirling masses (as if caught by a gust of wind)

[2]

3 Look at lines 8–11.

The man and the girl are both wearing black coats. Give **one** other way the coats are similar.

..... [1]

4 Look at lines 12–14.

- (a) Why is the colon (:) used here?
Tick (✓) **one** box.

The colon is used to...

give examples.

☐

connect two sentences.

☐

introduce a list.

☐

present a separate idea.

☐

[1]

- (b) Why are semi-colons (;) used here?

..... [1]

- (c) Why does the writer compare the gravestones to teeth?
Tick (✓) **one** box.

To show...

the age of the stones.

☐

the colour of the stones.

☐

the crowding of the stones.

☐

the sharpness of the stones.

☐

[1]

5 Look at lines 15–20.

(a) Why is the man walking so fast?

..... [1]

(b) Complete the table below by writing the name of the figurative technique or by giving examples from the text.

Figurative technique	Example from text
onomatopoeia	
.....	It frosts her hair like icing sugar
personification	
idiom	nooks and crannies

[3]

6 Look at lines 21–23.

Give **one** word that means ‘except’.

..... [1]

7 Look at lines 21–35.

- (a) Does the shop seem like an attractive place to you?
Tick (✓) **one** box.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Give **two** quotations from the text to support your answer. Explain why each quotation supports your answer.

Quotation 1:

This shows that

Quotation 2:

This shows that

[4]

- (b) The robots play a significant role later in this story. How does the text structure show us the importance of the robots?

..... [1]

- (c) Match the words below with the correct word class as they are used in the text.
One example has been done for you.

pleasing	adverb
swarm	noun
ahead	verb
shop	adjective

[2]

8 Look at lines 36–46.

- (a) The man and girl are not ordinary customers who have come to buy something. Give **one** quotation that supports this statement. Explain how the quotation supports the statement.

Quotation:

.....

This shows that

.....

[2]

- (b) Do you think the shopkeeper is a frightening man?
Tick (✓) **one** box.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Give **one** quotation from the text to support your answer. Explain why the quotation supports your answer.

Quotation:

This shows that

.....

[2]

Section B: Writing

Spend 30 minutes on this section.

9 Continue this story. What happens next?

You might want to think about:

- Does the shopkeeper know the man and the girl?
- What do the man and the girl want from the shopkeeper?
- Do any of the toys come into the story?

Use the space in the box below to plan your answer.

Do **not** use the space for your answer. You **must** write your answer on the answer lines on the next pages.

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