

WITHINGTON GIRLS' SCHOOL

ENGLISH

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

2017

QUESTIONS

FOR

COMPREHENSION

Answer all the questions.

Use the paper provided; put your name and examination number on each sheet of paper you use and number your answers correctly.

1. Describe the personality of Chanticleer, the cockerel. Use quotations from the story to back up the points you make. (4 marks)
2. Write the meanings of the following words:
 - retreat (line 5)
 - affronted (line 6)
 - adoration (line 29)
 - renowned (line 34)
 - vigilance (line 35) (5 marks)
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3. The story is more than a simple tale about animals. What deeper meaning or meanings can you find in it? (4 marks)
4. How does the writer make the story funny? Use quotations from the story in your answer. (4 marks)
5. How do you respond to the ending of the story? (3 marks)
6. Write a paragraph of about 10 lines in which you tell the next part of the story. (5 marks)
7. This story about a fox and a cockerel was originally written in 1400. Here is an extract from the original story:

‘And as he spake that word, al sodeinly
The cok brak from his mouth deliverly,
And hye upon a tree he fley anon,
And whan the fox say that the cok was gon,
‘Allas!’ quod he.’
- 7a. Describe in one or two sentences what is happening in this extract. (3 marks)
- 7b. As you can see, the English language has changed quite a lot in the last 600 years! Some words have changed their spelling: for example, the word ‘spak’ is now spelt ‘spoke’.

Write down how we would spell the following words:

 - sodeinly
 - hye (2 marks)

Total = 30 marks