

WITHINGTON GIRLS' SCHOOL

ENGLISH

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

2019

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.

Questions:

1. Before she is visited by the Spirits, how does Ebony intend to spend her time on Saturday? **(3 marks)**
2. Remind yourself of lines 1 to 27 (first 4 paragraphs). What does Ebony do in this part of the story which shows she does not really care about the environment? **(3 marks)**
3. What lesson does Ebony learn from the visit of the three Spirits? **(4 marks)**
4. Look at the descriptions of the three Spirits. What do you think are the reasons for the differences in their appearances? **(4 marks)**
5. Why is it significant that the story the teacher reads the children is 'A Christmas Carol'? **(2 marks)**
6. Why do you think the writer chose to call the main character Ebony? **(2 marks)**
7. How has Ebony changed by the end of the story? **(2 marks)**
8. Write down the meaning of the following words. Write one word for each answer:
 - macabre (line 11)
 - verdant (line 49)
 - disconsolately (line 78)
 - cadaverous (line 92)
 - muted (line 93) **(10 marks)**
9. The next day, Ebony emails her friend, Maisie, to say she cannot go to her birthday party on Saturday. Write the email Ebony sends to Maisie. Write up to 10 lines. **(10 marks)**

Total = 40 marks