



**CITY OF LONDON
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

11+ Entrance Exam (sample)

English – second assessment

(50 mins)

- Spend 10 minutes reading the extract and questions.
- You are encouraged to underline important words and phrases in this time.
- You will be told when you can start writing.
- Spend about 20 minutes writing your answer to Question 1 and checking it carefully.
- Spend about 20 minutes planning and writing your answer to Question 2 and checking it carefully.

Read the extract carefully and answer the questions below. It is a description of Bournemouth in England.

July had been blown out like a candle by the biting wind that ushered in a leaden August sky. A sharp, stinging drizzle fell, billowing into opaque grey sheets when the wind caught it. Along the Bournemouth sea-front the beach-huts turned bland wooden faces towards a greeny-grey, froth-chained sea that leapt eagerly at the cement bulwark of the shore. The gulls had been tumbled inland over the town, and they now drifted above the housetops on taut wings, whining peevishly. It was the sort of weather calculated to try anyone's endurance.

Question 1: Write one detailed paragraph about your impression of the weather from this passage.

Remember to:

- use quotations and explain the effects of the language.

Question 2: The extract comes from the beginning of a novel. Continue the story. Write one or two paragraphs. You do not need to finish the story.

Remember to:

- use a range of interesting language and imagery.
- check your writing when you have finished.