

Warwick School



12+ Sample Paper English

Please write your full name here:

Before you start read these instructions:

- You have 60 minutes to complete this paper
- All your answers should be written on the booklet/accompanying paper
- If you get stuck, do not worry. Do not spend lots of time on it, just go on to the next question. You may have time at the end to try the question again.
- **HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR FULL NAME IN THE BOX?**

There is a passage for you to read and seven questions for you to answer. The first five questions test your reading skills, the sixth question tests both reading and writing, and the last question tests your writing. You will need to write more in your answers to the last two questions. Use the mark scheme to help you decide how long to make your answers

Dad by Elaine Feinstein

Your old hat hurts me, and those black
fat raisins you liked to press into
my palm from your soft heavy hand:
I see you staggering back up the path
with sacks of potatoes from some local farm, 5

fresh eggs, flowers. Every day I grieve
for your great heart broken and you gone.
You loved to watch the trees. This year
you did not see their Spring.
The sky was freezing over the fen 10
as on that somewhere secretly appointed day
you beached: cold, white-faced, shivering.

What happened, old bull, my loyal
hoarse-voiced warrior? The hammer
blow that stopped you in your track 15
and brought you to a hospital monitor
could not destroy your courage
to the end you were
uncowed and unconcerned with pleasing anyone.

I think of you now as once again safely 20
at my mother's side, the earth as
chosen as a bed, and feel most sorrow for
all that was gentle in
my childhood buried there
already forfeit, now forever lost.

fen - *flat, marshy land*
beached- *washed onto the beach*
forfeit- *confiscated*

