## **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,

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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 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 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 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.

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fen flat, marshy land beachedwashed onto the beach forfeitconfiscated

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1. What do you think the writer means in line 1 when he says: Your answer as fully as you can	old nat nurts me? Explain your (2marks
answer as rany as you can.	(=:::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
2. Look at lines 13-14. What impression do you get of the father fro	
loyal/hoarse-voiced warrior?' Explain your answer as fully as you ca	n. (3 marks
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3. What was the father like, even to the end of his life? Choose at le	
to support your view.	(10 marks

4. How does the author show the emotion of her dying father? Choose two phrases and explain your choice. (4 mark
5. Who do you think the author is writing this poem for? How can you tell? Explain the purpose of the poem using the evidence from the text.  (6 mark)
6. How has Elaine Feinstein made this such a powerful poem? In your answer you should consider the following:
<ul> <li>The impressions you get of the narrator and how she is feeling</li> <li>The descriptions of the father before and after death</li> </ul>
The powerful language used in the poem

7. Elaine Feinstein has chosen a very important person in her life to describe	be the poem.
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- We'd like you to try to write a description now about an important person in your life, though without using poetry.
- Try to use some interesting language like Elaine Feinstein does, and even comparisons if you think they are appropriate.

Give your work an appropriate title, and write no more than a side.	(50 mark
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