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KEY STAGE

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LEVELS

4–7

Year 9 English test

Reading paper answer booklet

Strange lands

First name _____

Last name _____

Class _____

Date _____

- This paper is **1 hour and 15 minutes** long.
- You have **15 minutes** to read the Reading booklet before answering the questions in your answer booklet. During this time you should not open your answer booklet.
- You then have **1 hour** to write your answers.
- Write your answers in this booklet. You may ask for more paper if you need it.
- There are 13 questions totalling 32 marks on this paper.

Questions 1–5 are about *Journey to the centre of the Earth* (pages 4–5 in the Reading booklet).

1. In the first section of the text, identify two words or phrases which suggest that the water is calm.

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(1 mark)

Q1

2. In the second section of the text, Axel describes the cavern.

Explain how the choice of language in this section suggests that Axel is overwhelmed by what he sees.

Support your explanation with a quotation from this section.

(1 mark)

Q2

3. At the end of the section which begins *My attention was drawn ...* Axel's uncle cries '*It's a forest of mushrooms!*'

How does the section build up to the discovery of the forest of mushrooms?

Support your comments with quotations from this section.

(3 marks)

Q3

Turn over for question 4

5. Explain two ways the writer creates tension in the final section.

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(2 marks)

Q5

Turn over for question 6

Questions 6–9 are about *Magnificent desolation* (pages 6–7 in the Reading booklet).

6. In his third response, Buzz Aldrin describes the scene on the moon as:
'magnificent desolation'

What does this phrase suggest about the moon?

(2 marks)

Q6

7. In Buzz Aldrin's first response, he describes planet Earth as:
a brilliant jewel in the black velvet sky.

What does this phrase suggest about the appearance of planet Earth?

(1 mark)

Q7

8. Buzz Aldrin says people *were able to connect to that moment in their lives.*

Identify a quotation from his final response which suggests that the moon landing continues to be important to people.

(1 mark)

Q8

9. How does Michael Collins' **choice of language** show his feelings about the whole experience?

You should refer to how he describes:

- the sight of the Earth from space;
- the moon;
- the lunar module rejoining the command module.

Questions 10–13 are about *Stranger in the city* (pages 8–9 in the Reading booklet).

10. Identify a quotation from **paragraph 1** which suggests that Nazneen feels it is almost impossible to cross the road.

(1 mark)

Q10

11. In paragraph 2, what impressions do you get of the streets around Brick Lane?

Support your comments with references to paragraph 2.

(3 marks)

Q11

12. In paragraph 3 Nazneen stops in front of a building:

The entrance was like a glass fan, rotating slowly, sucking people in, wafting others out. Nazneen craned her neck back and saw that the glass above became dark as a night pond. The building was without end. Above, somewhere, it crushed the clouds.

How does the use of language in the quotation above suggest that Nazneen feels intimidated by the building?

Refer to specific words and phrases in your answer.

(2 marks)

Q12

Turn over for question 13

