

Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School

Entrance Test - IPS English Reading/Writing

2018

Sample Examination

General Guidance:

- i) There will be two sections. The first section will be a reading comprehension section. This section will have three short answer questions based on a text. The text will be at 7th grade reading level and may be fiction or non-fiction.
- ii) Applicants will answer all questions in English and in full sentences on separate answer sheets during the examination.
- iii) There are 36 total points for the examination.
- iv) Applicants will have 55 minutes to complete the examination.
- v) This document is a sample and the actual examination will have different questions.

Section 1 – Reading Comprehension

Read the passages below. When you have finished reading, answer the questions that follow.

From “The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” by Robert Louis Stevenson

1 Mr. Utterson was sitting by his fireside one evening after dinner, when he was surprised to receive a visit from Poole.

"Bless me, Poole, what brings you here?" he cried; and then taking a second look at him, "What ails you?" he added; "is the doctor ill?"

5 "Mr. Utterson," said the man, "there is something wrong."

"Take a seat, and here is a glass of wine for you," said the lawyer.

"Now, take your time, and tell me plainly what you want."

"You know the doctor's ways, sir," replied Poole, "and how he shuts himself up. Well, he's shut up again in the cabinet; and I don't like it, sir--I wish I may die if I like it. Mr. Utterson, sir, I'm afraid."

10 "Now, my good man," said the lawyer, "be explicit. What are you afraid of?"

"I've been afraid for about a week," returned Poole, doggedly disregarding the question, "and I can bear it no more."

The man's appearance amply¹ bore out² his words; his manner was altered for the worse; and except for the moment when he had first announced his terror, he had not once looked the lawyer in the face. Even now, he
15 sat with the glass of wine untasted on his knee, and his eyes directed to a corner of the floor. "I can bear it no more," he repeated.

"Come," said the lawyer, "I see you have some good reason, Poole; I see there is something seriously amiss. Try to tell me what it is."

"I think there's been foul play," said Poole, hoarsely.

20 "Foul play!" cried the lawyer, a good deal frightened and rather inclined to be irritated in consequence.

"What foul play! What does the man mean?"

"I daren't say, sir," was the answer; "but will you come along with me and see for yourself?"

Mr. Utterson's only answer was to rise and get his hat and greatcoat; but he observed with wonder the greatness of the relief that appeared upon Mr. Poole's face, and perhaps with no less, that the wine was still
25 untasted when he set it down to follow.

It was a wild, cold, seasonable night of March, with a pale moon, lying on her back as though the wind had tilted her, and flying wrack of the most diaphanous³ and lawny⁴ texture. The wind made talking difficult, and flecked the blood into the face. It seemed to have swept the streets unusually bare of passengers, besides; for
29 Mr. Utterson thought he had never seen that part of London so deserted.

¹amply: plentifully

²bore out: to support

³diaphanous: delicate

⁴lawn: having the characteristics of linen fabric

Reading Comprehension Questions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences in the space provided on your answer sheet. Each answer should be at least 25 words. [4 marks each; 12 marks total]

- 1) Mr. Poole states in line 11 that he has “been afraid for about a week.” How else does the author show he is afraid? What do you think Mr. Poole is afraid of?
- 2) Why is Mr. Poole relieved when Mr. Utterson agrees to go with him?
- 3) How would you describe the character of Mr. Utterson?

Section 2 – Extended Writing

Choose one of the following essay prompts. Write your answer on a separate answer sheet. In response to the question, you should write a well structured paragraph of at least 150 words. [24 Marks]

Essay Prompts (choose one):

1. Why is honesty important in a friendship?
2. Describe your first day at a new school. How did you feel and why?
3. Who is your role model? Why?