

ENGLISH

PRACTICE TEST

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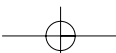
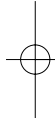
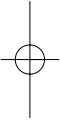
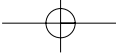
The Hobbit



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Instructions

Questions and Answers

In this booklet, there are different types of question for you to answer in different ways. The space for your answer shows you what type of writing is needed.

- **short answers**
Some questions are followed by a short line or box.
This shows that you need only write a word or phrase in your answer.
- **several line answers**
Some questions are followed by a few lines.
This gives you space to write more words or a sentence or two.
- **longer answers**
Some questions are followed by a large box.
This shows that a longer, more detailed answer is needed to explain your opinion. You can write in full sentences if you want to.
- **other answers**
For some questions you need do no writing at all and you should tick, draw lines to, or put a ring around your answer. Read the instructions carefully so that you know how to answer the question.

Marks

The number under each box in the margin tells you the maximum number of marks for each question.

Please wait until you are told to start work on page 4. You should work through the booklet until you are asked to stop, referring to your reading booklet when you need to. When a question includes a page reference, you should refer to the text on that page to help you with your answer.

You will have 45 minutes for this test.

SECTION 1

These questions are about *Barrels out of Bond* (pages 198 and 199).

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put *a ring* around your choice.

1. There had been a fight against the

monkeys.

spiders.

dwarves.

goblins.

1

1 mark

2. What word does the author use for walk?

stammered

stampeded

staggered

stamped

2

1 mark

3. There was no thought

of where
Bilbo was.

of getting
into line.

of giving
up.

of a
fight.

3

1 mark

4. The passages weren't like the goblin-cities' passages. The goblin's passages were

less deep.

more
dangerous.

broken
into pieces.

more stale.

4

1 mark

5. The elvenking sat on a

wooden chair.

throne.

bench.

crown of flowers.

5

1 mark



Barrels out of Bond

6. "Across the bridge, the elves thrust their prisoners..."

a) What does the author mean by "thrust?"

6a

□

1 mark

b) What phrase suggests that Bilbo was unsure whether to follow his friends?

6b

□

1 mark

7. Why is the ring important in the story?

Give **two** reasons.

- _____
- _____

7

□

2 marks

8. *Out leaped Wood-elves ...* (10th line, 1st paragraph).

How was the atmosphere in the woods different **before** and **after** this moment?

8

□

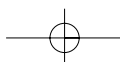
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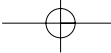
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11 marks

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9. The dwarves and Bilbo both reacted differently to when the elves leapt out.
Describe their reactions.

Dwarves _____

Bilbo _____

9a

1 mark

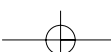
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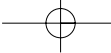
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10. As the dwarves were led away, it was getting dark. What clues does the author give in the text to convey this to the reader?

10

3 marks





SECTION 2

These questions are about *An Unexpected Party* (pages 3 - 4, pages 14 - 15)

11. What do hobbits look like?

Tick **three** answers.

no beards

curly black hair

about 3 feet tall

overweight

wear clothes that blend in with their surroundings

11

1 mark

12. Why did people consider the Baggins family very respectable?

Give **two** reasons:

12a

1 mark

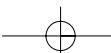
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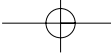
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An Unexpected Party

13. **What clues are there that the hobbit is a tidy fellow?**

13



1 mark

14. Eight features of a superhero are described on page 9.

Draw lines to show what the author tells us about different things.

One has been done for you.

The challenge

What the superhero needs

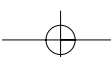
The mother of Bilbo	•	Bungo
The father of Bilbo	•	Gandalf
Small creature with a long beard	•	Belladonna
carried a long walking stick	•	Old Took
Bilbo's Grandfather	•	a bearded dwarf

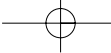
Note: A line connects the dot in the 'Small creature with a long beard' box to the dot in the 'a bearded dwarf' box.

14



2 marks





An Unexpected Party

15. When Bilbo wished the wizard, "Good Morning," what did the wizard ask him?

Give three possible meanings of, "Good Morning," that the wizard suggested.

- _____
- _____
- _____

15

2 marks

16. Look at pages 14-15.
How can you tell that the hobbit is starting to get annoyed with his guests?

Use quotes from the text to back up what you say.

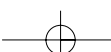
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SECTION 3

These questions are about Flies and Spiders (pages 163 - 164)

17. What emotion is the author trying to engender when describing the entrance to Mirkwood?

17

1 mark

18. Look at the first paragraph on page 163. Write two things that make you feel like your answer to question 17.

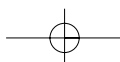
18

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19. What was the worse time for Bilbo and why?

19

2 marks





Flies and Spiders

20. "The trees leaned over them and listened"

a) What effect does this phrase have on the reader?

20a

1 mark

b) What vocabulary does Tolkien use to make you think of death?

20b

1 mark

21. Look at the vocabulary below. What effect does the author wish to use on the reader?

- *slowly suffocated* (p164)

21a

1 mark

- *stabbed down thin and bright* (p163)

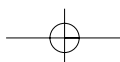
21b

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SECTION 4

These questions are about Not at Home on pages 276 and 277.

22. The dwarves heard something.
Look at pages 276 and 277.

Link the character from the book to his feelings below.

Feeling

worried

concern for friend

impatient

Character's Name

Balin

Thorin

Bilbo

23. Why were the harps still in tune after so many years?

24. What phrase does the author choose to suggest that Bilbo didn't hand over the Arkenstone?

22

1 mark

23

1 mark

24

1 mark



Not at Home

25. The mere fleeting glimpses of treasure that they had caught as they walked along had rekindled all the fire of their dwarvish hearts...
 What does this mean? Explain fully, using the text to help you.

25

3 marks

26. What was Bilbo's first payment of his reward?

26

2 marks

27. *The dwarves no longer needed any urging.*
 What is Tolkien trying to say when he uses these words?

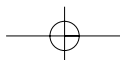
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SECTION 5

These questions are about the whole booklet.

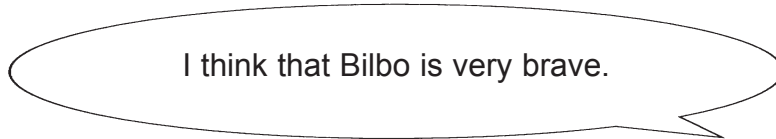
28. Who is your favourite character from the excerpts you have read?

Give a reason.

28

1 mark

29.

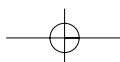


Do you agree with this opinion?

Explain your own opinion fully, **using the texts** to help you.

29

3 marks



30. Throughout the book, the author picks his words carefully.
Look at the phrases below and join them to their purpose
with a straight line.

Phrase

Purpose

*If you had heard only quarter
of what I have heard (p6)*

putting up a fight would be
useless

*The path itself was narrow and
wound in and out among the
trunks (p163)*

quite wealthy

*... could hit a bird's eye in the
dark (p198)*

describe it using a metaphor

...well-to-do-hobbit...

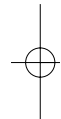
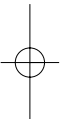
make it sound like the
author knows someone

30

1 mark

Total

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