



RADLEY

Academic Scholarship Examination Paper
STAGE ONE

ENGLISH 1

26 January 2021

Time allowed – 2 hours

45 minutes: Section A – Comprehension (20 marks)

30 minutes: Section B – Creative Writing (10 marks)

45 minutes: Section C – Essay Writing (20 marks)

Answer **ALL** the questions. Write in full sentences throughout.

You are expected to write accurate, well-punctuated prose.

Write your answers on separate pieces of paper.

Section A

Comprehension:

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I was the first of birds to sing
I sang to signal rain
the one I loved was singing
and singing once again

My wings were made of sunlight
my tail was made of frost
my song was now a warning
and now a song of love

I sang upon a postage stamp
I sang upon your coins
but money courted beauty
you could not see the joins

Where are you when you vanish?
Where are you when you're found?
I'm made of greed and anguish
a feather on the ground

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I lived among you once
and now I can't be found
I'm made of things that vanish
a feather on the ground

Bill Manhire



Answer the following question in full sentences.

Make close reference to the poem, by quoting.

How does the poet use language, form and structure to explore the voice and feelings of the bird? (20)

Section B

Creative Writing:

Describe an animal.

OR

Describe a building.

Your piece should be no more than 200 words.

(10)

Section C

Essay Writing:

We learn more from tragedy than we do from comedy.

- Write a short essay expressing your views on this statement.
- Consider what you have read, as well as what you believe.

You will be rewarded for the clarity and creativity of your writing. Accurate punctuation, grammar and spelling are also extremely important.

(20)

End of Paper