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**4005/2**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Marking schemes have been issued on the basis of ONE copy per examiner.

1 Question 1 : 9 marks (1+1+1+1+2+1+2)

- (a) (i) Into whose eyes did the dog's eyes bore?

Accept: Alfred's friend.  
The narrator(s) author(s) / writer / the client / the (prospective) customer / the (dog's) soon to be owner / the person buyer  
Give 0 for: mine / the narrators' / the writers' / telling the story

[1]

- (ii) Part of the dog's physical appearance that showed his violent nature

Accept: <sup>wolf's eyes</sup> (almond-shaped) wolf eyes / eyes which looked like a wolf's / wolf-like eyes  
Give 0 for: yellow eyes/eyes alone

[1]

- (b) What was unusual about the way the dog looked at the author?

Accept: <sup>stared at the author</sup> It/He held/fixed its/his eyes where another dog would have averted ~~its~~ his glance.)  
N.B: Both limbs needed for answer to score

*The dog / Junky*

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- (c) (i) The author's feelings at the sight of the dog at this stage.

Accept: scared/frightened/afraid/terrified (of the dog) or dislike/hatred /loathing

[1]

- (ii) Aspect of the dog that touched the writer in a positive way

Accept:  
(Despite /In spite of the fact that / Regardless of the fact that /Even though/Though/ it was starved/ evidently brutalised (since puppy-hood) the dog had dignity/it showed strength in (every respect.) / dignity / strength

Or

(Despite /In spite of the fact that / Regardless of the fact that /Even though/Though/ it was half starved/ evidently brutalised,) it showed strength in (every respect.)

Or

(Despite all odds,) the dog still had dignity/strength.

N. B: Focus is on the positive elements / characteristics of the dog ~~despite the odds.~~

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(d) (i) Own words, for 'mutual appraisal.'

Accept:

mutual: shared/ common/ reciprocal/ joint/ similar/ the same/ interchanged/ complementary/

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give o for complimentary

appraisal: evaluation/ assessment/judgement/ appreciation  
valuation

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Shared judgement/ assessment/evaluation// Common judgement/ assessment /evaluation /valuation

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appreciating / judging / evaluating / valuating  
assessing each other

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(ii) Why the author negatively criticises the dog to Alfred

Accept:

To bargain (for a lower price) so that Alfred would ask for (very) little money/ so that he buys the dog cheap.

to reduce the purchasing value of the dog / to reduce the price/cost  
to negotiate for a lower price

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(e) The purpose of the club

Accept:

1. For hitting/ beating/ frightening/ scaring the dog / clubbing the dog

2. For frightening / scaring / intimidating / cowing the dog

3. to contain / control / discipline the dog // to force it into submission / to subdue it / to whip (it) into line

[1]

(f) How the author intended to befriend the dog

Accept:

By never using the club on the dog / By avoiding beating the dog / By not hitting the dog.

By never using the club on the dog.

By making sure the dog would never see a club in his hand.

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NB It should be clear it's the author's hand.

2 Question 2 (1+3+1+5)

(a) Age of the dog when the author bought it

Accept: *virtually 3 yrs close to 3 years*  
nearly/almost/about three years // Going for three years / on the verge of 3 yrs

N.B: Give 0 for: three years

*roughly / approximately / around*

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(b) Where the Indian had acquired 'the wealth' from

(i) Accept:

*the animal*  
*Yukon* From the sale of the dog / From selling the wolf dog / He had sold his dog.

N.B: Give 0 for: from the dog/author/writer/The money he had got from the sale of the dog.

[1]

(ii) Two reasons why the narrator wanted the Indian to leave

Accept:

He wanted to:

1. feed the dog / animal

2. spend a little time with the dog / animal

3. befriend the dog / Yukon

*N.B. Any two will score.*

[2]

(c) Meaning of 'Yukon was holding himself tall....'

Accept:

He was standing confidently. / He was showing confidence.

[1]

(d) Word	Meaning	Zero response
1. signalled (paragraph 1)	indicated/showed/pointed at/marked/ conveyed/distinguished/highlighted	
2. averted (paragraph 2)	<del>turned</del> avoided/refrained from/ evaded/ <del>kept</del> away from/ shunned/ dodged/ circumvented /	prevented forestalled ducked kept away from
3. pacified (paragraph 9)	calmed/ silenced/ hushed/ quietened appeased/ <del>satisfied</del> placated / propitiated mollified / <del>satisfied</del>	quite ratified concocted
4. revenue (paragraph 10)	income/ profits/ gain/ yield/ returns money / proceeds / funds earnings / cash / turn over takings	salary wages taking
5. sneaking out (paragraph 11)	creeping away/stealing away/ disappearing// moving away <u>without being seen/ secretly/</u> <u>unnoticed/ unseen</u> / <del>steal</del> / slipping away skulking / slinking /	escaping
6. relinquish (paragraph 16)	capitulate yield surrender/ give up/ <del>cease from</del> /cede/ <del>abandon</del> / drop/ forsake/ <del>desert</del> leave/renounce/ let go of / hand over / forfeit abrogate	cease from abandon desert leave drop. turn over
7. opponent (paragraph 19)	<del>contestant</del> / competitor/ contender /rival/ enemy/ antagonist/ adversary/ <del>disputant</del> / foe/ nemesis / challenger	
8. press (paragraph 23)	crowd/ group mob/ multitude/ pack/ army/ a number / legion/ host throng/ horde	



## Summary Questions [20 Marks]

3 The moment I opened the barn door to introduce Yukon, ....

## Summary points

1. Yukon thrust me aside  
I was thrust aside = 0
2. Yukon dashed in with tail held high  
*Both limbs needed to score*
3. I followed
4. Yukon ignored me  
*11 felt 'ignored'*  
Found myself ignored = 0
5. Yukon advertised his desire to respond to any challenge
6. Yukon took up a stance some distance apart from Rocky  
Line lift = 0
7. Yukon peeled his lips back, hackles raised  
  
N.B: Both limbs needed to score  
Line lift (~~passive voice~~) = 0 *from the oval to raised*  
*passive voice but agent = 0*
8. I stood stock-still
9. I wondered if Yukon would kill Rocky if he were not stopped/ I questioned if Yukon would kill Rocky if he were not stopped  
*line lift from "would ... myself." scores*
10. I decided that I would have to do something
11. Yukon surged swiftly ahead (of Rocky)
12. Yukon smashed his (big) chest into Rocky's right shoulder
13. Yukon ducked under the other's / Rocky's jaws  
*reference to Rocky*
14. Yukon reared upward suddenly
15. Yukon threw Rocky back off his feet
16. Yukon straddled Rocky
17. Yukon reached with (enormously powerful) jaws to take hold of the other dog's / Rocky's neck
18. *Yukon held on, grinding deeply, pinning Rocky*  
Yukon held on, grinding deeply, pinning Rocky [ All 3 limbs needed for point to score]
19. I realized that Yukon did not intend to kill Rocky  
*I realized that Yukon did not intend to kill (Rocky)*

20 Yukon released his hold slowly

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21. Yukon shifted his position (no longer astride his opponent)
22. Yukon stopped growling
23. Yukon kept his head down, jaws open and eyes fixed on Rocky's face.  
[ All 3 limbs needed for point to score]

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## SECTION B: SUPPORTING LANGUAGE STRUCTURES (10 MARKS)

4 (a) (i) Accept:  
more

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(ii) Accept:  
would have brought

*Any error on target answer denies the mark.*

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(b) (i) Accept:  
emigrated

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(ii) Accept:  
perk

*Any error on target answer denies the mark.*

[1]

(c) (i) Accept:  
During the night, cattle are kept in a kraal, in as much as dogs  
are kept in a kennel/doghouse during the day.

[1]

(ii) Accept:  
As the fight between Rocky and Yukon raged on, Sussie and  
Sooner remained as cool as a cucumber.

[1]



- (d) (i) Accept:  
Very few people, I know, have such love for wolf dogs as our local Veterinary Officer.

[1]

- (ii) Accept:  
To introduce a list / To introduce the work that lay ahead / To introduce explanatory/parenthetical material/information.

[1]

- (c) Accept:  
The first underlined 'litter' refers/means a family/ set of puppies <sup>offspring</sup> whereas the second 'litter' means mess-up/throw/put/scatter rubbish everywhere/on the ground. <sup>young ones of a dog</sup>

1. Meaning of a 2nd litter should take the form of a verb
2. For second answer accept synonyms on rubbish.

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