



SECONDE ACCUEIL

ADMISSIONS TEST

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Instructions to candidates:

- **Please do NOT turn over until you are told to do so**
- Answer Part One AND Part Two on different sheets of paper
- Write your candidate number at the top of each page you write on
- **Write in English**
- You have **90 MINUTES** for this test. We suggest you spend half the time (45 minutes) on Part One and the other half of the time (a further 45 minutes) on Part Two
- When you have finished, number the pages you have written e.g. 1 of 2 (if you have written 2 pages), 1 of 3 (if you have written 3 pages) etc.

Advice to candidates:

There are no 'right' answers to the questions: you will be judged on the intelligence of your ideas, and your ability to communicate them in English.

Spend five minutes **planning** your answers before writing. If you are unhappy with any part of your answer, cross it out and continue.

You should try to write at least **two pages**.

PART ONE: LITERATURE

Read the poem by Imtiaz Dharker below. Write about the poem, and try to comment on:

- The themes and ideas raised in the poem
- The poet's use of images
- The mood of the poem
- The structure of the poem

'The Right Word' by Imtiaz Dharker

Outside the door,
lurking in the shadows,
is a terrorist.

Is that the wrong description?
Outside that door,
taking shelter in the shadows,
is a freedom-fighter.

I haven't got this right.
Outside, waiting in the shadows
is a hostile militant.

Are words no more
than waving, wavering flags?
Outside your door,
watchful in the shadows,
is a guerrilla warrior.

God help me.
Outside, defying every shadow,
stands a martyr.
I saw his face.

No words can help me now.
Just outside the door,
lost in shadows,
is a child who looks like mine.

One word for you.
Outside my door,
his hand too steady,
his eyes too hard,
is a boy who looks like your son, too.

I open the door.
Come in, I say.
Come in and eat with us.

The child steps in
and carefully, at my door,
takes off his shoes.

PART TWO: HISTORICAL IDEAS

Events that changed the world.

Choose an event in history that had a significant impact and explain how it changed the world. Try to include examples of positive and negative change.

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