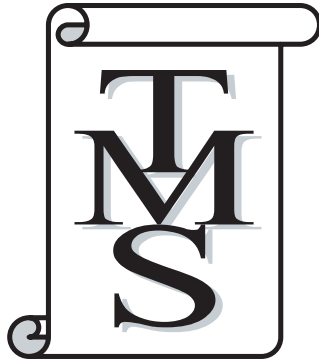


# *Tutor Master Services*



## ENGLISH Composition/Essay

**30 minutes**  
**Total Marks: 50**

### Choose one of these to write

1. In the story we are told that the genie of the ring was able to magically transport Aladdin to the palace where Princess Badroulbador had been taken. It is likely that he flew there on a magic carpet. As you probably know magic carpets have amazing powers that make you fly when you sit on them and say the magic words.

Write a story called "**The Magic Carpet**". Describe how you discover the carpet and its magical powers, and the adventures you have.

OR

2. In the last paragraph of the story we read that all the family were happily reunited in the palace. During each year there are often times when our families get together for a special event or celebration.

Write a story called "**An Important Family Occasion**". Tell about what happened and also write about anything that you had to do as a part of the occasion.

- Remember that the examiners are looking to see if you have included speech correctly punctuated, feelings (of yourself or your characters) and good description.
- Remember to check your grammar, spelling and punctuation carefully.
- Write on lined paper.

Read the passage below and answer the following questions carefully. It is a good idea to go back and check the passage to find your answers. Write your answers neatly on the answer sheet.

## Androcles and the Lion

*In Roman times, many hundreds of years ago, lived a slave called Androcles. Desperate for his freedom, Androcles escaped from his master and fled to the forest...*

5 With the hot sun beating down on his back, legs aching and heart pumping Androcles eventually reached the forest. He knew he would be safe here and hoped he would be able to survive if he were able to avoid wild animals and find enough roots and berries to eat. As a runaway slave he knew he would be executed if caught.

10 As Androcles peered around him, anxiously looking for pursuers, he felt the first splash of raindrops on his skin. It would soon be getting dark and he knew he needed to find shelter for the night. Through a gap in the trees Androcles spotted the opening of a cave in the hillside and he decided it would be an ideal place to spend the night.

15 Moving cautiously, lest a sound should alert those searching for him, Androcles made his way hesitantly towards the gaping mouth of the cave. When he reached the sanctuary of the opening he stepped inside and breathed a deep sigh of relief as he knew now he would be safe. He looked around, eyes searching in the gloom for a place to rest. Suddenly, as his sight became accustomed to the half-light he noticed the unmistakable outline of a great beast... a lion!

20 With his heart pounding with fear, Androcles prayed that the lion had already eaten and would not want to devour him where he stood. Androcles began to back out of the cave when suddenly the lion raised its great head and groaned and moaned, sorrowfully, or so Androcles thought.

25 Slowly, he retraced his steps and as he neared the lion it put out its paw. Androcles saw immediately that it was all swollen and bleeding. Androcles could see a huge thorn had embedded itself in the lion's paw which was causing all the pain. Speaking quietly and reassuringly to the suffering animal, Androcles gently pulled out the thorn and using some cloth torn from the hem of his tunic, cleaned and bound up the wound. The lion  
30 licked the hand of Androcles appreciatively and then shuddered, groaned, sighed and fell asleep. Exhausted after his ordeal, Androcles too fell into a deep sleep.

35 For the next few weeks, Androcles and the lion lived together in the large cave. The lion quickly recovered from its injury and was able to hunt, bringing Androcles fresh meat each day. Androcles regained his strength and soon was able to hunt and gather food, together with his new friend.

Whilst out collecting water on his own one day, Androcles was startled. "Stand still!" ordered a savage voice, "we know who you are and there's a big reward for runaway slaves, you're coming with us."

**ANSWER SECTION**

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR FULL NAME HERE:**

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**MARKS**

1. Androcles is suffering as he strives to make his escape. Write down three verbs from the sentence (line 3) that tell us this. **3**

- 1) .....
- 2) .....
- 3) .....

2. In paragraph 2 (lines 3 - 7), we are told that Androcles is a runaway slave seeking safety in a forest. Write down two things he will need to do in order to survive. **2**

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

3. “As Androcles peered around him, anxiously looking for pursuers” (line 8), give the part of speech of the words in the table. Choose from the box below: **5**

verb; adverb; pronoun; proper noun; preposition

Word	Part of speech
Androcles	
peered	
around	
him	
anxiously	

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## The Fire

*This extract is from the story of 'Black Beauty'. It tells of the life, many years ago, of a young male horse – a colt. In this story the narrator is the horse.*

5 Later on in the evening, a traveller's horse was brought in by a second ostler, and whilst he was cleaning him a young man with a pipe in his mouth lounged into the stable to gossip.

"I say, Towler," said the ostler, "just run up the ladder into the loft and bring down some hay into this horse's rack, will you? Only first lay down your pipe."

10 "All right," said the other, and he went up through the trap door. I heard him step across the floor overhead and put down the hay. James came in to look at us the last thing, and the door was locked.

15 I cannot say how long I had slept, nor what time in the night it was, but I woke up feeling very uncomfortable, though I hardly knew why. I got up; the air seemed all thick and choking. I heard Ginger coughing, and one of the other horses moved about restlessly. It was quite dark, and I could see nothing; but the stable was full of smoke, and I hardly knew how to breathe.

20 The trap door had been left open, and I thought that was the place from which the smoke came. I listened and heard a soft, rushing sort of noise, and a low crackling and snapping. I did not know what it was, but there was something in the sound so strange that it made me tremble all over. The other horses were now all awake; some were pulling at their halters, others were stamping.

25 At last I heard steps outside, and the ostler who had put up the traveller's horse burst into the stable with a lantern, and began to untie the horses, and try to lead them out; but he seemed in such a hurry, and was so frightened himself, that he frightened me still more. The first horse would not go with him; he tried the second and third, but they too would not stir. He came to me next and tried to drag me out of the stall by force; of course that was no use. He tried us all by turns and then left the stable.

30 No doubt we were very foolish, but danger seemed to be all round; there was nobody whom we knew to trust in, and all was strange and uncertain. The fresh air that had come in through the open door made it easier to breathe, but the rushing sound overhead grew louder, and as I looked upward, through the bars of my empty rack, I saw a red light flickering on the wall. Then I heard a cry of 'Fire!' outside, and the old ostler came quietly and quickly in. He got one horse out, and went to another; but the flames were playing round the trap door, and the roaring overhead was dreadful.

The next thing I heard was James's voice, quiet and cheery, as it always was.

\*ostler = someone employed in a stable to take care of the horses

7. From paragraph 6 (lines 17 - 22) choose and write down four effects that the **fire** was having on the horses. **4**

- a) .....
- b) .....
- c) .....
- d) .....

8. In lines 24 and 25 the ostler attempts to save the horses. Write down three phrases that tell us this. **3**

- a) .....
- b) .....
- c) .....

9. Explain why the ostler was unsuccessful in his attempts to lead the horses to safety. **3**

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10. In paragraph 8 (lines 30 - 37) pick out two adverbs that tell us that the old ostler had a more effective approach to the horses. **2**

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

11. How is James's voice described in paragraph 9 and say what effect this is likely to have on the horses. **4**

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