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**Lower School Scholarship 2019**

**ENGLISH**

**13+**

**1 Hour**

**Full Name:**

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**Current school:**

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**Date:**

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**Instructions to Candidates:**

- Write your answers in the space provided in this booklet.
- The total mark for the paper is 100
- The first two questions are based on a fiction passage; the final question is to demonstrate your own writing skills.



Read the following poem, 'The Lamentation of the Old Pensioner, by W.B Yeats and answer the questions beneath. In this extract the narrator describes a table tennis tournament at school.

### The Lamentation of the Old Pensioner

ALTHOUGH I shelter from the rain  
Under a broken tree  
My chair was nearest to the fire  
In every company  
That talked of love or politics,  
Ere\* Time transfigured me.

Though lads are making pikes\*\* again  
For some conspiracy,  
And crazy rascals rage their fill  
At human tyranny,  
My contemplations are of Time  
That has transfigured\*\*\* me.

There's not a woman turns her face  
Upon a broken tree,  
And yet the beauties that I loved  
Are in my memory;  
I spit into the face of Time  
That has transfigured\*\*\* me.

William Butler Yeats

\*ere = before

\*\*pikes = weapons

\*\*\*transfigured = changed









