

KCDDS Sample Entrance Exam

Part 1: Infographic Response

Part 2: Non-Fiction Response

Part 3: Short Story Response

Part 4: Written Response (Paragraph)

Part 5: Interview

Allotted Time Part 1-4: 60 minutes

Part One: Infographic

DREAM FACTS

COLOUR VS. BLACK AND WHITE

12% 12% of people who can see dream only in black and white

A small minority of people say they dream only in black and white. A 2008 study by a researcher at the university of Dundee found that people who were only exposed to black and white television in childhood reported dreaming in black and white about 25% of the time

Dreams are a series of images, ideas, emotions and sensations that happen in the mind during certain stages of sleep.

When we dream our eyes move quickly in different directions even though our eyes are closed when we are dreaming. Animal's eyes do the same thing when they dream. Watch a dog sleeping sometime, the paws move like they are running and they make yipping sounds as if they are chasing something in a dream.

ANIMALS DREAM TOO!

People who became blind after birth can see images in their dreams. People who are born blind do not see any images, but have dreams equally vivid involving their other senses of sound, smell, touch and emotion.

Blind people also dream!

You forget 90% of your dreams

Phenomena

- Sleep Walking
- Deja vu
- Hallucination
- Night terrors
- Day dreaming
- Nightmares

Part Two: Non-fiction Reading

"The Mysterious World of Dreams"

Introduction

Have you ever woken up from a dream so vivid it felt real? Or had a dream so strange you wondered what it meant? You're not alone! Everyone dreams, and dreams have fascinated humans for thousands of years. Let's dive into the mysterious world of dreams and explore what they are, why we have them, and what they might mean.

What Are Dreams?

Dreams are stories and images that our minds create while we sleep. They can be exciting, scary, strange, or just plain weird. Dreams happen during a part of sleep called REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep. During REM sleep, our brains are very active, almost as if we're awake, but our bodies are completely relaxed.

Why Do We Dream?

Scientists are still trying to figure out exactly why we dream. Here are a few popular theories:

- **Problem Solving:** Some scientists believe that dreams help us solve problems. When we dream, our brains might be working through problems from our waking life in creative ways.
- **Memory Processing:** Another theory is that dreams help us process memories. During sleep, our brains organize and store information from the day. Dreams might be a part of that process.
- **Emotional Balance:** Dreams might help us deal with emotions. By dreaming, we might work through feelings and experiences, helping us to stay balanced and healthy.
- **Random Brain Activity:** Some scientists think dreams are just random brain activity. As our brains sort through all the information from the day, random images and stories might pop up, creating dreams.

Common Types of Dreams

Dreams can be incredibly varied, but some types are more common than others. Have you ever had one of these dreams?

- **Flying:** Flying dreams are often fun and exciting. They can make you feel powerful and free.
- **Falling:** Dreams where you're falling can be scary. They might happen when you're feeling out of control or worried about something in your life.
- **Being Chased:** These dreams can be frightening. They might mean you're avoiding something in real life or feeling threatened by something or someone.
- **Test or Performance:** Many people dream about taking a test or performing in front of a crowd. These dreams might happen when you're stressed about school or worried about doing well.
- **Teeth Falling Out:** Dreams about losing teeth are surprisingly common. They might happen when you're anxious or feeling insecure.

How to Remember Your Dreams

Do you have trouble remembering your dreams? Here are a few tips to help you remember them better:

- **Keep a Dream Journal:** Write down your dreams as soon as you wake up. Even if you only remember a little bit, write it down. Over time, you might start remembering more.
- **Stay Still:** When you first wake up, try to stay still for a few minutes and think about your dream. Sometimes moving around can make you forget it.
- **Use Keywords:** If you don't have time to write down your whole dream, jot down a few keywords or draw a quick picture to help you remember later.

Conclusion

Dreams are a fascinating part of being human. Whether they're helping us solve problems, process memories, or just entertain us with wild stories, they add a touch of mystery to our lives. So, the next time you go to bed, get ready for an adventure—who knows what your mind will dream up tonight?

Part Three: Fiction Reading

"The Dream Detective"

Max loved mysteries. He devoured detective stories and often imagined himself as a world-class sleuth. One night, as he lay in bed, he wished he could solve a real mystery. As he drifted off to sleep, he felt a strange sensation, like he was falling into a soft, velvety darkness.

When he opened his eyes, Max found himself in a dimly lit room filled with filing cabinets and old books. A sign on the desk read "Dream Detective Agency." Max's eyes widened. This was his dream come true!

A small, wispy figure floated towards him. "Hello, Max. I am Whisper, the keeper of dreams. We have a mystery that needs solving, and I believe you are the one to do it."

Max's heart raced with excitement. "What's the case?"

Whisper handed him a file. "Dreams have been disappearing from Dreamland. People wake up without memories of their dreams, and we fear someone is stealing them."

Max opened the file and studied the evidence. "Do we have any suspects?"

"Only one," Whisper said, "The Shadow Thief. He lurks in the darkest corners of Dreamland, stealing dreams to gain power."

Max nodded, determination setting in. "Let's catch this thief."

Max and Whisper ventured into the heart of Dreamland, a place of swirling colors and fantastical creatures. As they approached the darker regions, the vibrant hues faded into shades of gray. Max could feel the air growing colder and more oppressive.

Whisper pointed to a dark alley. "The Shadow Thief hides in there. Be careful, Max."

Max took a deep breath and entered the alley. Shadows twisted and turned around him, whispering menacingly. He held tightly to the flashlight Whisper had given him, its beam cutting through the darkness.

Suddenly, a figure emerged from the shadows—a tall, gaunt man with piercing eyes. "Who dares enter my domain?" he hissed.

Max stood his ground. "I'm Max, the Dream Detective. I'm here to stop you from stealing dreams."

The Shadow Thief laughed mockingly. "You think you can stop me, boy?"

Max's hand tightened around the flashlight. "I know I can." He turned the beam directly at the Shadow Thief, who recoiled from the light.

"Impossible!" the thief screamed, his form flickering.

Max stepped forward, pushing the light closer. "Return the dreams you've stolen!"

With a final scream, the Shadow Thief dissolved into the darkness, and the stolen dreams burst free, filling the alley with light and color. Max watched as the dreams soared back to their rightful owners.

Whisper appeared beside him, smiling. "You did it, Max. You've saved Dreamland."

Max grinned, feeling a rush of pride. "Thank you, Whisper. This was the best adventure ever."

As the dream world began to fade, Whisper's voice echoed in Max's mind. "Remember, the power to solve mysteries and make a difference lies within you."

Max woke up, the first light of dawn peeking through his window. He felt a sense of accomplishment and excitement, knowing that his dreams could lead him to incredible adventures. And perhaps, just perhaps, he was already on his way to becoming a real-life detective.

ENTRANCE EXAM RESPONSE BOOKLET

Name: _____ Date: _____

Identification Number: _____

Follow the instructions provided for each part when answering the questions.

Make sure to circle all true and false answers. If you change your answer, use an X to cross out the wrong answer.

Write your written responses on the test paper in the lined spaces provided.

When finished, raise your hand. Wait for a teacher to collect the reading booklet and the response booklet before exiting the exam room.

Please note: leave section five blank.

Exam Parts:

- 1. Infographic Response – “Dream Facts”**
- 2. Non-fiction Response – “The Mysterious World of Dreams”**
- 3. Short Story Response – “The Dream Detective”**
- 4. Personal Response Paragraph**
- 5. Personal Interview Score (to be assessed during interview with school staff).**

PART ONE: "INFOGRAPHIC DREAM FACTS."

A. Multiple Choice – Using the reading, circle the best answer for each question:

- 1. What percentage of sighted people dream only in black and white?**
 - A) 10%
 - B) 12%
 - C) 20%
 - D) 25%

- 2. What fraction of dreams do people usually forget?**
 - A) 50%
 - B) 70%
 - C) 90%
 - D) 100%

- 3. Which of the following is not listed as a dream phenomenon in the infographic?**
 - A) Sleepwalking
 - B) Hallucination
 - C) Nightmares
 - D) Lucid dreaming

- 4. What senses do people who were born blind use in their dreams?**
 - A) Sight only
 - B) Sound, smell, touch, and emotion
 - C) Taste, smell and sight
 - D) Hearing and sight

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B. Short Answer – Answer in complete sentences, with details and using your own words:

1. What happens to our eyes when we are dreaming? (2)

2. What will a dog often do when they are dreaming? (2)

3. How does being exposed only to black and white TV impact people's dreams? (3)

4. Describe a dream that you remember. (3)

PART TWO: "THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD OF DREAMS."

A. Multiple Choice – Using the reading, circle the best answer for each question:

1. When do dreams occur during sleep?

- A) During REM
- B) During AM
- C) During PM
- D) During ROM

1. How might memory processing while we dream help us?

- A) Solve problems
- B) Organize thoughts
- C) Deal with emotions
- D) Become creative

2. What can a dream about flying make you feel?

- A) Frightened
- B) Nervous
- C) Stressed
- D) Powerful

3. Which idea is NOT suggested to help you remember dreams?

- A) Keep a dream journal
- B) Remain still and think about your dream
- C) Move around as soon as you wake up
- D) Draw a quick picture of your dream

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B. Short Answer – Answer in complete sentences, with details and using your own words:

1. List and explain two reasons why scientists think we might dream? (2)

2. Provide two examples from the text of how dreams can have specific meaning. (3)

3. Give two examples from the text of how dreams could help people? (2)

4. What theory about why we dream do you find most interesting? Explain why. (3)

PART THREE: "THE DREAM DETECTIVE."

A. Multiple Choice – Using the reading, circle the best answer for each question:

- 4. What does Max hope to become in the future?**
 - A) A police officer
 - B) A detective
 - C) A superhero
 - D) He's not sure yet

- 2. Where does Max wake up in his dream?**
 - A) His home
 - B) A dark alley
 - C) The Dream Detective Agency
 - D) Whisper's house

- 3. Where does the Shadow Thief live?**
 - A) A dark alley
 - B) The Dream Detective Agency
 - C) Max's bedroom
 - D) A house in Dreamland

- 4. How does Max feel after waking up from his dream?**
 - A) Afraid
 - B) Accomplished
 - C) Sleepy
 - D) Frustrated

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B. Short Answer – Answer in complete sentences, with details and using your own words:

1. What mystery needs to be solved in Dreamland? (2)

2. How does Max save Dreamland? (3)

3. What message did Whisper give Max at the end of his dream? (2)

4. How does Max feel after waking up from his dream? (3)

PART FOUR – PERSONAL RESPONSE

In the space provided below, write a paragraph on **one** of the two writing prompts:

Describe a scary dream (nightmare) that you remember. How did you feel when you woke up?

OR

Do you think that the dreams that we have are influenced by our emotions when we are awake?

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Preparing for the interview

During your interview you will be asked to talk about yourself, your interests, and your goals for the future. You should imagine this like a conversation.

You will also be asked to either **describe** a picture or read a story and answer questions about it.

How to prepare:

- Talk to your friends and teachers in English as much as possible.
- Watch movies/videos in English.
- Read in English

How to be successful:

- Answer all questions in full sentences.
- Give examples, details or reasons to support your responses.
- If you do not understand a question, ask for it to be rephrased.
- Try not to be nervous!