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Comprehension (27 marks)

Read this passage very carefully and then answer the questions that follow. Remember to answer in full sentences.

The Visit

Ella's mum put her coat on and gathered up her keys. She looked at Ella anxiously. "Are you sure you don't want to come with me?" she asked. "Nah," Ella replied, not taking her eyes off the television. "This is just getting to the good bit."

5 "Alright," sighed Mum, "I'll be back in two hours with your Gran and Grandad. I've spent ages getting the house ready for their visit so don't get any toys out, don't go in the kitchen, and whatever you do, don't make a mess!"

Ella nodded, her eyes still firmly fixed on the TV. With one final worried glance at her daughter, Mum left the house.

10 Ten minutes later, Ella's programme finished and she switched off the TV. She wondered when Mum would be home with her grandparents. She thought she remembered her saying something when she left but she'd been busy watching TV.

15 Looking around for something to do, Ella suddenly had a brilliant idea. She would get the house ready for when her Gran and Grandad arrived! It was ages since she'd last seen them and she wanted everything to be perfect for their arrival.

Beginning in the kitchen, Ella scrambled through the cupboards and found the ingredients for a cake. She mixed them together in a plastic bowl and put

20 the bowl straight into the oven. She'd only made the kitchen a bit messy and she
knew Mum wouldn't mind because she was going to have a delicious cake.

While she was waiting for the cake to cook, Ella decided to do some vacuuming. She
swung the end of the vacuum around hurriedly, making sure
25 she got round all the corners. Suddenly, she heard a loud clunk. Looking down, she
realised with horror that Mum's favourite ornament was missing from the centre
of the mantelpiece. She must have sucked it up the vacuum!

Ella quickly took the lid off the vacuum, and as she did so, a cloud of dirt and dust
burst into the air, settling across the carpet. With relief, Ella retrieved
30 the ornament and went to the kitchen to wash it. She had just started filling the
sink when she smelt something strange.

Ella followed the smell and realised it was coming from the oven. As she opened
the oven door, a huge cloud of smoke escaped and swept through the kitchen. She
could just make out her cake bowl, melted on to the oven
35 rack. Startled, Ella walked quickly backwards and found herself standing in a
puddle. She'd left the taps running! Water was overflowing from the sink and
covering the kitchen floor. A wave of panic swept over Ella and she fought back
tears.

Just at that moment, she heard a car pull up outside.

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1. Why doesn't Ella want to go with her mum?

(1 mark)

2. Give **three** instructions that Mum gives Ella before she leaves.

(3 marks)

3. How do you think Mum was feeling about leaving Ella on her own in the house?
Using examples from the text to explain why you think this.

(3 marks)

4. How do we know that Ella hadn't listened properly to her mum?

(2 marks)

5. The author writes, '*She swung the end of the vacuum around hurriedly*' (line 24).
What does the word 'hurriedly' mean in this sentence?

(1 mark)

6. When Ella starts to fill the sink, what does she get distracted by?

(1 mark)

7. Read the passage again. Name **four** mistakes that Ella makes in this story.

(4 marks)

8. How do you think Mum will react when she gets home? Explain your answer.

(2 marks)

9. Find one word from the story which has a similar meaning to each of the following words:

collected	
answered	
nervous	
odd	
rummaged	

(5 marks)

10. Number these events 1-5 in the order in which they appear in the story.

Ella's TV programme finishes

Ella makes a cake

Ella uses the vacuum cleaner

Ella's mum leaves the house

The kitchen fills with smoke

(5 marks)

Composition (24 marks)

Write at least one side on one of the following tasks. Remember to use accurate punctuation and interesting adjectives and vocabulary. Write in paragraphs and make your story as exciting as you can!

Either

1. Continue writing the story ‘The Visit’

Before you start writing, think about:

- Who has pulled up outside?
 - What will they see when they enter the house? Remember to think about how you will describe this scene.
 - How will the characters be feeling? Remember to think about how you will show this.
 - What is going to happen next in the story?
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