



Home Before Night
English Past Exam Questions
Ordinary Level

2013

Paper 2 – Section 1 – Question F

F HOME BEFORE NIGHT – Hugh Leonard

Answer **all** of the questions.

1. (a) Describe the occasion when Jack and his parents take a trip around Dublin Bay on the *Royal Iris*. (10)
- (b) What is your opinion of Jack's adoptive mother, Margaret? Support your answer with reference to the text. (10)
2. Give one reason why you did or did not enjoy studying Hugh Leonard's novel, *Home Before Night*. Support your answer with reference to the novel. (10)
3. Answer **ONE** of the following: [Each part carries 30 marks]
 - (i) 'Jack's childhood and youth are mostly happy.'
Do you agree with the above statement? Give reasons for your answer, based on your knowledge of the text.

OR

- (ii) Write a piece, beginning with one of the following statements:
 - I think Ireland today is very different from the Ireland of Jack's youth.
 - I think Ireland today is very similar to the Ireland of Jack's youth.Support your answer with reference to the text.

OR

- (iii) Imagine you are Jack, now an old man. Write a letter to one of your childhood friends in which you comment on some of the important events of your youth. Your response should be based on your knowledge of the novel.

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1.
 - (a) Give a brief description of an incident in *Home Before Night* that you found enjoyable and say why you found it so. Refer to the text to support your answer. (10)
 - (b) From your reading of *Home Before Night*, how did Hugh Leonard feel about attending secondary school? Refer to the text in support of your answer. (10)
2. Describe one important difference between the way of life as described in *Home Before Night* and life in Ireland today. (10)
3. Answer **ONE** of the following: [Each part carries 30 marks]
 - (i) Many memorable characters (mother, ‘da’, aunts, uncles, family members, neighbours, friends, etc.) are portrayed in *Home Before Night*. Which one of the characters did you find most memorable? Explain your answer with reference to the text.