

SHERBORNE SCHOOL.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION, 1959.

English.

(1½ hours).

Answer all questions. Write the answers to Part A and Part B on separate sheets and hand them in separately.

A.

1. Express the essential meaning of each of the following passages in clear, plain English. You should expand or contract them as you think fit:

- (a) Take the instant way ;
For honour travels in a strait so narrow
Where one but goes abreast : keep, then, the path :
For emulation hath a thousand sons
That one by one pursue ; if you give way,
Or hedge aside from the direct forthright,
Like to an entered tide they all rush by
And leave you hindmost.
- (b) Therefore, since Custome is the Principall Magistrate of Mans life ; let Men by all Means endeavour to obtaine good Customes. Certainly, Custome is most perfect, when it beginneth in Young Yeares : This we call Education ; which is, in effect, but an early Custome But if the Force of Custome Simple and Separate, be Great ; the Force of Custome Conjoined & Collegiate is far Greater. For there Example teacheth ; Company comforteth ; Emulation quickeneth ; Glory raiseth : So as in such Places the Force of Custome is in his Exaltation.
- (c) Now that he had clambered several rungs upwards on that metaphorical ladder which eventually gives access to success, now that he had traversed no inconsiderable distance on the journey to the land of the realisation of his desires and the fulfilment of his wishes, he inaugurated the policy of dissociating himself from the company of the erstwhile comrades of his former years.

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2. Give two examples of modern slang. Write about five lines on each, explaining their meaning and commenting on their effectiveness.

B.

3. Write a short speech, suitable for *one* of the following occasions:
 - (a) The signing of the first Martian Treaty.
 - (b) A robot's twenty-first birthday party.
 - (c) The Establishment of The United States of Europe.