

Sample International Benchmark Test Questions

Class 9 English

Use the following information to answer Questions 1 to 3

Must-Read Books!!

SNICKET, Lemony

The Carniverous Carnival

You should hardly be surprised to hear that, as with their other adventures, things don't exactly fall into place for the Baudelaire orphans. This is definitely not a book for those who enjoy a happy ending. The Baudelaires' attempts to escape Court Olaf's clutches and the faint glimmer of hope at the thought of finding one of their parents alive are fraught with terrible dangers and misadventures.

BRANFORD, Henrietta

Fire, Bed and Bone

Set in the 14th century, in England, this is the story of the Peasants' Revolt seen through the eyes of a dog. Through her eyes we see the suffering of the people, in particular her master and family, and the effect this has on her needs of fire, bed and bone.

MAHY, Margaret

A Villain's Night Out

Imagine Formby's surprise when Squidgy Moot, the villain from the story he's writing, suddenly appears in front of him and demands that Formby writes his story.

ORR, Wendy

Nim's Island

Nim lives on a remote island with her father, Jack, and three animal friends. Her only link to the outside world is via a satellite dish. But when Jack is stranded at sea, and her home is threatened by a storm, Nim has to call on all her courage to save them.

- Which of these books is part of a series?

A	<i>The Carniverous Carnival</i>	B	<i>A Villain's Night Out</i>
C	<i>Fire, Bed and Bone</i>	D	<i>Nim's Island</i>
- Which of these stories is narrated by an animal?

A	<i>The Carniverous Carnival</i>	B	<i>A Villain's Night Out</i>
C	<i>Fire, Bed and Bone</i>	D	<i>Nim's Island</i>
- The title of *Fire, Bed and Bone* refers to

A	things the narrator needed to survive.
B	weapons used in the Peasants' Revolt.
C	magical charms that are needed in the story.
D	things responsible for the suffering of the people.

4. In the months leading up to the International Athletics Competition the athletes practised tirelessly.

The preparation of the athletes could best be described as being

- A** desperate. **B** selective.
C fatigued. **D** dedicated.
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5. Choose the correctly spelt word from the list in the sentence below.

Greatly concerned, the athlete's coach asked the head chef if the food in the village had

- sufficient suficient suficiant sufficiant nutrient value.
A **B** **C** **D**
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KEY: A, C, A, D, A

