Reading Instructions

To be discussed with students before the test

1. You must READ the whole reading passage carefully, including diagrams etc. BEFORE you start answering any questions.

2. All questions must be completed on your own.

3. Once you have read a passage and have started the questions, you should attempt as many questions on that passage as you can. You may find some questions a bit tricky. Don’t spend too much time on these questions. Go on and try another question because you will find others that you can do.

4. For MULTIPLE CHOICE questions, SHADE the bubble to show the correct answer.

Example: What time of day was Rufus caught in a dust storm?

- Late afternoon
- At midday
- In the night
- At night

5. For OPEN-ENDED questions, WRITE the correct answer in the space provided. Remember to write in sentences when required.

Example: List all the ingredients needed to make a banana thick shake.

icecream, milk and banana
6. For **ORDERING** questions, **WRITE** the numbers **1 - 4** in each of the boxes. Remember that number **1** is first and **4** is last.

   *Example:* Number this information 1 - 4 as it is given in the passage.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>3</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The round front door led into the hall.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>There were plenty of pegs for visitors to hang their hats and coats.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>There were many different kinds of rooms in the hobbit’s house.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Many doors opened off both sides of the tunnel.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

7. **WRITE** all the answers in this booklet. If you make a mistake and want to change an answer, make sure that you carefully **RUB** or **CROSS** out the wrong answer and then circle or write the correct answer.

8. There are no penalties for incorrect spelling or grammar. However, you should

   * take care with your spelling especially when using words from the text.
   * write neatly
   * always check your answers.

9. *If you complete this work ahead of time, make sure you go back and recheck your answers carefully. When you have done this, find a quiet activity to do. Remember, **don’t disturb** the students who are still working on their test.*

10. Good luck and do your best.
By mid afternoon the forest had peeled away from the road and was replaced by huge rice paddies with no rice and no people. He heard engines revving on the road ahead and slid quietly through the paddies until the sound was far behind him. Then he returned to the road.

As the sun set he was beginning to pass houses, first singly, then groups and streets. A sign told him he was in the outskirts of Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, but he could not believe it. He had known the river edge of Phnom Penh in festivals and a family holiday, and it had been a swirl of colour and noise, honking cars and revving motor bikes pushing against a river of people. But in this city everything was deserted.

Vithy walked on as the silence slid coldly up his spine. The buildings grew taller and crowded together as he moved into a darkening stone desert. The only sound he could hear was the nervous slap of his bare feet on the bitumen and the soft whisperings of the wind in the streets. He thought of shouting at the city but decided against it. What if some thing howled back?

Vithy stopped at a broad intersection and bit his lip. Now he knew where he was and wished he didn’t. He had come here before the war with Dad, Mum and thousands of people for the music, lights and gaiety.

Now there were only empty bandstands and stages in the long park to his right. To his left there were trains, long rows of slowly rusting metal, and beyond that there should have been a cathedral with an elephant grazing by its front door. Now, no elephant, no cathedral, nothing at all.

He walked slowly towards the centre of the city, feeling colder with each step. He passed many cars left by the side of the road, smashed, dented, sometimes burnt. A touch of wind whirled paper out of the gutter. Vithy was watching more paper money than he’d ever seen in his life littering the street. Awnings sagged from buildings with shattered windows and stained walls. Shops were bare and open.

Vithy reached the city’s central market, a huge empty concrete dome, and looked for a place to sleep among the looted jewellers, tailors, radio shops. He entered a jeweller’s shop through a kicked in door and used a torn piece of curtain to sweep enough dust off the floor to sleep on. He sprawled in the shadow and began to drift away from this city of ghosts ...
Read Little Brother and answer the questions.

1. Why was Vithy running away and why was he alone?

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

2. When Vithy was making his way to Phnom Penh, he walked **mainly**
   - through a dense forest.
   - across empty rice paddies.
   - along a country road.
   - through the outskirts of the city.

3. Write the sentence from the text which tells the reader that Vithy was beginning to feel afraid.

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

4. Read paragraph 4. When Vithy realised ‘**exactly where he was**’ he felt
   - lonely because the city was deserted.
   - sad because he was reminded of a happier time.
   - shocked because he could hardly recognise the decaying city.
   - scared because of what might be lurking in the shadows.
The author compared the deserted city to
- the whispering wind.
- a cold silence.
- a darkening stone desert.
- a huge empty concrete dome.

Read paragraph 2. Compare the sentence by using three adjectives of your own which describe three different aspects of Phnom Penh as Vithy remembered it before the war.

The city had been _____________, _____________ and ______________

Write the sentence from the text which shows Vithy’s fear that he may not be alone in the deserted city.

____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________

In paragraph 6, the best meaning for the word ‘looted’ is
- bombed.
- plundered.
- shuttered.
- burnt.
Write the phrase from paragraph 4 which best suggests that the war had been in progress for a long time?

_____________________________________________________________

The extract is mainly about Vithy's

- separation from his brother.
- journey to Phnom Penh.
- search for a place to sleep.
- rediscovery of Phnom Penh.