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# Scholarship Paper 2024

Subject: English Paper 3

Time: 1 Hour

You must have:  
Pen

Total Marks  
25

## Instructions:

- Use **black** ink or a ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name.
- Answer the questions in the answer sheets provided.
  - *There may be more space than you need.*

## Information:

- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets.
- This examination is **1-hour** long.
- Handwriting and presentation are important.

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### MY PARENTS

by Stephen Spender

My parents kept me from children who were rough  
Who threw words like stones and wore torn clothes  
Their thighs showed through rags they ran in the street  
And climbed cliffs and stripped by the country streams.

I feared more than tigers their muscles like iron  
Their jerking hands and their knees tight on my arms  
I feared the salt coarse pointing of those boys  
Who copied my lisp behind me on the road?

They were lithe they sprang out behind hedges  
Like dogs to bark at my world. They threw mud  
While I looked the other way, pretending to smile.  
I longed to forgive them but they never smiled.

### COMPREHENSION

1. What do we learn about:

- the speaker
- the parents

Write 2 analytical paragraphs using PEAEAEAL (Point-Evidence-Analysis)

**10 marks**

2. Identify 3 imagery used in the poem and discuss their effect.

**9 marks**

3. In 2 paragraphs, explore what the poem is telling us about the speaker's childhood? **6 marks**