

# CSSE Mock Paper 2 English

**10 MINUTES READING TIME**

**60 MINUTES TO  
COMPLETE THE TEST**

Suggested timing for candidates:

READING TIME: ..... 10 minutes

SECTION ONE: COMPREHENSION ..... 40 minutes

*Go to the separate booklet on your desk to answer the continuous writing questions.*

SECTION TWO: CONTINUOUS WRITING ..... 20 minutes

Read the passage that starts overleaf carefully when you are told to do so. After ten minutes has ended you will have 60 minutes to complete the test. Answer the questions which are on the following pages.

The passage is from 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' by Arthur Conan Doyle.

To the left of each line you will see the lines have been numbered. This will help you when answering the questions.

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This extract is taken from *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle, first published in 1902. The novel follows Dr. Watson and the famous detective Sherlock Holmes, as they investigate the mysterious death of Sir Charles Baskerville and the ancient legend of a fearsome hound said to haunt his family. In this extract, taken from Chapter VI, Dr. Watson accompanies the new heir, Sir Henry Baskerville, and Dr. Mortimer by train to Devonshire. Holmes has remained behind in London, and Watson must observe everything carefully and report back to him.

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1 Sir Henry Baskerville and Dr. Mortimer were ready upon the appointed day, and we  
2 started as arranged for Devonshire. Mr. Sherlock Holmes drove with me to the station  
3 and gave me his last parting injunctions and advice.

4 "I will not bias your mind by suggesting theories or suspicions, Watson," said he; "I  
5 wish you simply to report facts in the fullest possible manner to me, and you can  
6 leave me to do the theorizing."

7 "What sort of facts?" I asked.

8 "Anything which may seem to have a bearing however indirect upon the case, and  
9 especially the relations between young Baskerville and his neighbours or any fresh  
10 particulars concerning the death of Sir Charles. I have made some inquiries myself in  
11 the last few days, but the results have, I fear, been negative. One thing only appears  
12 to be certain, and that is that Mr. James Desmond, who is the next heir, is an elderly  
13 gentleman of a very amiable disposition, so that this persecution does not arise from  
14 him. I really think that we may eliminate him entirely from our calculations. There  
15 remain the people who will actually surround Sir Henry Baskerville upon the moor."

16 "Would it not be well in the first place to get rid of this Barrymore couple?"

17 "By no means. You could not make a greater mistake. If they are innocent it would  
18 be a cruel injustice, and if they are guilty we should be giving up all chance of  
19 bringing it home to them. No, no, we will preserve them upon our list of suspects.

20 Then there is a groom at the Hall, if I remember right. There are two moorland  
21 farmers. There is our friend Dr. Mortimer, whom I believe to be entirely honest, and  
22 there is his wife, of whom we know nothing. There is this naturalist, Stapleton, and  
23 there is his sister, who is said to be a young lady of attractions. There is Mr. Frankland,  
24 of Laffer Hall, who is also an unknown factor, and there are one or two other  
25 neighbours. These are the folk who must be your very special study."

26 "I will do my best."

27 "You have arms, I suppose?"

28 "Yes, I thought it as well to take them."

29 "Most certainly. Keep your revolver near you night and day, and never relax your  
30 precautions."

31 Our friends had already secured a first-class carriage and were waiting for us upon  
32 the platform.

33 “No, we have no news of any kind,” said Dr. Mortimer in answer to my friend's  
34 questions. “I can swear to one thing, and that is that we have not been shadowed  
35 during the last two days. We have never gone out without keeping a sharp watch,  
36 and no one could have escaped our notice.”  
37 “You have always kept together, I presume?”  
38 “Except yesterday afternoon. I usually give up one day to pure amusement when I  
39 come to town, so I spent it at the Museum of the College of Surgeons.”  
40 “And I went to look at the folk in the park,” said Baskerville.  
41 “But we had no trouble of any kind.”  
42 “It was imprudent, all the same,” said Holmes, shaking his head and looking very  
43 grave. “I beg, Sir Henry, that you will not go about alone. Some great misfortune will  
44 befall you if you do. Did you get your other boot?”  
45 “No, sir, it is gone forever.”  
46 “Indeed. That is very interesting. Well, good-bye,” he added as the train began to  
47 glide down the platform. “Bear in mind, Sir Henry, one of the phrases in that queer  
48 old legend which Dr. Mortimer has read to us, and avoid the moor in those hours of  
49 darkness when the powers of evil are exalted.”  
50 I looked back at the platform when we had left it far behind and saw the tall,  
51 austere figure of Holmes standing motionless and gazing after us.  
52 The journey was a swift and pleasant one, and I spent it in making the more intimate  
53 acquaintance of my two companions and in playing with Dr. Mortimer's spaniel. In  
54 a very few hours the brown earth had become ruddy, the brick had changed to  
55 granite, and red cows grazed in well-hedged fields where the lush grasses and more  
56 luxuriant vegetation spoke of a richer, if a damper, climate. Young Baskerville stared  
57 eagerly out of the window and cried aloud with delight as he recognized the  
58 familiar features of the Devon scenery.  
59 “I've been over a good part of the world since I left it, Dr. Watson,” said he; “but I  
60 have never seen a place to compare with it.”

**END OF PASSAGE**

