

## **Extracts Level 1**

### **Answer Key**

#### ***A New Home for Socks by Antoinette Moses***

“Penny looks at the little puppy and thinks about the bin. She can’t put Socks back into the bin. She can’t take him to the park because it is too cold. Socks needs her. He’s very small and it’s cold outside. She walks round the apartment. She thinks about her old home. In her old home there are cupboards and there are sheds in the garden. And there are big wardrobes for their clothes in all the rooms. Here there are cupboards in the kitchen but her clothes are still in suitcases.

“That’s it!” Penny has an idea. She takes the clothes out of one suitcase and puts a towel inside. It is soft and warm now. Then she puts Socks into the suitcase and she puts the suitcase under her bed.”

#### ***The Adventures of Doctor Dolittle by Hugh Lofting***

“Everybody in the small town of Puddleby-on-the-Marsh knows John Dolittle. When he walks down the street in his high hat people say, ‘Look! There’s the Doctor! He’s a very clever man.’ He lives in a house on the edge of the town. His sister lives there, too. She cleans and cooks for him. Her name is Sarah Dolittle. The house is small but it has a very big garden. There are many trees in it and there is also a fishpond.”

#### ***Zadie’s Big Day by Martyn Hobbs***

“They have football practice after school. Petty the Pirate talks to the team before they start.

‘OK girls, the final’s on Saturday. Greenford are a good team. They’re strong. They’re fast. And they play hard. But I’m sure you can win.’

‘With Zadie in the team, we can beat anyone,’ says Holly. And all her teammates agree. Zadie is a bit embarrassed, but she is looking forward to the match. She loves football. And she loves winning.

‘The final’s at the local stadium. The kick-off is at 10.30. Can you all get there by 10bo’clock?’ Everyone says ‘yes’. And then they run onto the football pitch.”

***The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum***

“Then the wind picks up the house and carries it away. The little house spins slowly round and round in the cone of the cyclone. Up and up it goes. Soon it is high in the sky. Dorothy and Toto are very frightened. Toto starts barking. ‘It’s alright, Toto,’ Dorothy says to him. ‘I’m here.’ The wind carries the house for miles and miles. Now Dorothy can stand up because the house isn’t spinning any more. She goes and sits on her bed. She holds Toto in her arms and waits. Hours pass.

It gets dark outside. The wind continues to blow. Toto falls asleep. Dorothy isn’t afraid any more. She closes her eyes and falls asleep too.”

***David and the Great Detective by Martyn Hobbs***

“David runs quickly along one side of the factory. He looks around the corner – and sees a group of four boys. A tall boy with red hair is riding a bike. David remembers him from the morning. A small boy is looking at him. He is unhappy.

‘Come on, it’s my turn to ride the bike now,’ the small boy says.

‘Shut up, Bobby. You can wait,’ the red-haired boy replies.

The two other boys laugh. One of them says, ‘You can have a ride tomorrow!’

It’s the other boy from that morning. There are six bikes next to the wall. The two boys have got cans of paint and they are spraying the bikes blue.”

## **Extracts Level 2**

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#### ***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll**

Suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran past her. 'Oh dear! Oh dear! I'm late! Very late!' he was muttering to himself. He stopped and took a big watch out of his waistcoat pocket. He looked at it and said, 'Oh dear! Oh dear!' again, and continued running.

'How very curious!' Alice thought. 'A rabbit in a waistcoat with a pocket watch! I wonder where he's going.'

She got up and ran after him. He went across the grass to the corner of the field and disappeared down a rabbit hole. Alice followed him down the hole, too.

#### ***Holly the Eco Warrior* by Martyn Hobbs**

All three stood up. Alan rushed to the door, but Sophie stopped him.

'Relax, Dad,' she said. 'Look.'

Sophie pointed to the window. They saw Holly walking across the grass to the old oak tree at the end of the garden. She was carrying a rucksack. Her dog Eco was running along beside her.

'What on earth is that girl doing?' her father asked. His face was only pink now, but he was still very annoyed. Holly stopped at the bottom of the tree. She looked back at the house, picked up Eco, then waved at her family.

#### ***The Anti-bully Squad* by Rick Sampedro**

Brian was waiting inside the shed. From a close distance, Brian looked really big. He was bigger than Mark. Tom was scared. He started sweating and he could hear his heart beating in his chest.

'What are you going to do now?' asked Brian. He pushed Tom so hard that he fell.

The floor was dirty and smelled rotten.

'Who is going to protect you now?' asked Mark, laughing.

#### ***The Time Capsule* by Robert Campbell**

At the top of the hill Jan stops suddenly and looks back at them, angry.

'Why am I mad?' Tom walks up to her.

'Because there isn't any house by the tree. There aren't any houses near here. The nearest house is Pauly's and that's half a mile down the road. Over there.' Tom points back the way they just came. Now Jan laughs.

'I think you're mad because my house is just over...' Jan points through the trees to her house but there isn't any house.

'...there!'

***The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

Mary Lennox was born in India because her father worked for the government there. Her mother was very beautiful and she liked having fun. She wasn't interested in her daughter. So Mary spent all her time with the Indian servants. She had an Ayah, a nurse, who looked after her. The Ayah's job was to keep the little girl away from her parents as much as possible. The Ayah gave Mary everything she wanted and the little girl became very selfish.

## Extracts Level 3

### Answer Key

#### ***David and the Black Corsair by Martyn Hobbs***

Daniel saw a ship at anchor near the shore. A flag was flying from its mast – the flag of the royal navy. And Daniel knew that ship at once. It was called the Invincible. And it was the ship of Mad Jack, a captain of the King’s navy. Mad Jack was Daniel’s oldest and most bitter enemy. Three years earlier, he killed Daniel’s closest friend – with a sword in his back. Daniel looked through his telescope at the small port. He could see the ship’s boats in the harbour. Most of the crew were in the small town. They were enjoying a day on land, eating, drinking and relaxing. Then Daniel looked back to the sailing ship. He could see only three men on the deck. Two of them were sailors. The third was Captain Jack.”

#### ***Mr Football by Janet Olearski***

Gary watched as Matt gave the ball a powerful kick. It rose high into the air. A tall blond-haired boy from the Manning High team ran across the football pitch. He took control of the ball as it landed, but Gary was already there beside him. He raced past the blond player and caught the ball with his feet. There was a cry from the crowd.

‘Gary! Gary! Gary!’ they chanted.

The score was nil nil. There were just five minutes to go before the end of the match. Gary knew that every second counted.

From the edge of the pitch, Karen screamed, ‘Come on, Gary. Come on!’

#### ***Ricky and the American Girl by Martyn Hobbs***

Ricky’s world changed completely on a cold Friday afternoon in November. It was only five to four but it was already getting dark. Ricky was walking home from school, his bag hanging over his shoulder. He wasn’t listening to his MP3 or chatting with friends. He was alone and he was doing calculations in his head – maths calculations. He was a bit of a mathematical genius and he loved solving problems. He didn’t need a calculator or a computer. He could do them in his head. But then he saw someone looking up and down the street. She seemed confused. But when she saw Ricky, she called out. And from that moment on, his life would never be the same again.

#### ***Kim by Rudyard Kipling***

The boy’s name was Kimball O’Hara, but people called him Kim or ‘Little Friend of all the World’. He wasn’t like other British boys in India, he was more like his Indian friends from the bazar. His face was brown from the sun and he preferred speaking Urdu or Hindi to English.

***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain**

Tom was mostly bored in the long, slow holiday. But the sleepy atmosphere changed when the murder trial began. It was the only thing that people talked about. It made Tom feel bad. He took Huck to a lonely place to talk to him. 'Have you ever told anybody about it?'

'Tom, if we tell somebody, Indian Joe will kill us.'

## Extracts Level 4

### Answer Key

#### ***Dracula* by Bram Stoker**

I stood in front of the huge, dark castle and waited. I began to have all sorts of doubts and fears. What type of terrible adventure was this? Is it normal for a solicitor to be sent to a strange land? To come all this way to explain to a client, a foreigner, how to buy a house in London? There was no knocker or bell but suddenly the huge main door opened. A tall man, with a long moustache and dressed in black, stood there.

‘Welcome to my house!’ he said. ‘Enter freely and of your own will.’ As I stepped inside, he shook my hand. It seemed cold like a dead man’s hand.

#### ***The Invisible Man* by H.G. Wells**

The stranger came to Iping on the 29th of February, through a cold wind and snow storm, walking from Bramblehurst railway station with a large suitcase. He was wrapped up from head to foot, with big blue goggles, a scarf and a hat that together hid every bit of his face except the tip of his nose. There was snow on his shoulders and chest. He staggered into the Coach and Horses more dead than alive and dropped his suitcase.

‘A fire,’ he cried, ‘Please! A room and a fire!’

#### ***The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper**

Magua travelled for two hours from Fort William Henry. The Indian brave ran most of the way, through thick forests and along hidden paths, to reach Fort Edward. He had important news from Colonel Munro for General Webb, Fort Edward’s British commander.

‘The French commander Montcalm is coming’, said Magua. ‘He is marching now towards Fort William Henry.’

Magua’s words brought fear to the people who lived inside Fort Edward and to the British soldiers who were camped outside the fort.

#### ***The Green Room* by Robert Campbell**

In the room at the top of the theatre, Nathan was with his group, performing his audition for Dame Helen. For the audition scene, he was acting with a girl. They had to improvise a scene in which they were a mother and father, arguing about their teenage daughter. It was eleven o’clock in the evening and the mother and father were waiting for their daughter to come home.

Nathan wasn’t sure how to start but the girl knew exactly what to say.

‘I’m the one who always has to clean up the mess,’ she said angrily to Nathan.

‘What do you mean?’ Nathan asked. He was surprised. The girl sounded and acted like a real mother. The girl continued.

***The Secret Agent* by Joseph Conrad**

Chief Inspector Heat was having a bad day. First of all, his department received a telegram from Greenwich that morning. 'Just my luck', he thought. 'Less than a week after I told the Home Secretary that there was absolutely no anarchist activity in London.'



## Extracts Level 5

### Answer Key

#### ***The Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson**

‘It is a strange house, though,’ continued Mr Enfield. ‘Since that night I have studied it closely. There is no other door, and nobody uses the one that we can see except, occasionally, the man who knocked down the girl. The passage leads to a courtyard, and there are three windows that overlook the courtyard on the first floor, but none on the ground floor. Someone must live there because the windows are always clean, although they are always shut, and there is usually smoke coming from the chimney.’

‘That is a good rule of yours about sleeping dogs, Enfield, but there is one question I want to ask. What’s the name of the man who knocked over the child?’  
 ‘Well, I suppose I can tell you. That very unpleasant person was a man by the name of Hyde,’ answered Mr Enfield.

#### ***To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf**

A man digging in a drain stopped digging and looked at her. And for the first time in his life, Charles Tansley felt very proud. He was walking with a beautiful woman. He was holding her bag.

‘You can’t go to the Lighthouse, James,’ said Mr Tansley.

‘Nasty little man,’ thought Mrs Ramsay. ‘Why does he keep saying that?’

‘Perhaps we’ll wake up and find the sun shining and the birds singing,’ she said kindly, smoothing James’s hair. James really wanted to go to the Lighthouse. She couldn’t hear voices any more. They had stopped talking. She listened, and then heard something rhythmical, half said, half chanted, beginning in the garden. Suddenly there was a loud cry: ‘Stormed at with shot and shell!’

#### ***Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northup**

My name is Solomon Northup and I was born a free man. I lived free for thirty years, then I was kidnapped and sold as a slave. I lived as a slave for twelve years until I was rescued and again became a free man. This is the story of what happened to me.

#### ***Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad**

I left in a French steamboat. We followed the coast of Africa which seemed like the edge of a wilderness. The dark green jungle was almost black beside the glittering sea. Sometimes we saw black-skinned men paddling a boat; they were a great comfort to look at, a momentary contact with reality.

***The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton**

On a January evening in the early 1870s, the most elegant families of New York gathered at the Academy of Music. They happily filled the blue and gold boxes of this small and uncomfortable building, very much loved by conservative New Yorkers. When Newland Archer opened the door at the back of the box he shared with his friends, the opera had already begun. He was not worried about his late arrival. It was not “the thing” to arrive early at the opera, and what was or was not the thing was important to Newland Archer.