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Reading Exam

ENGLISH FILE

EOI Exam Power Pack (Intermediate cycle)

PART 1

Read the extracts from popular fiction. Match extracts 1–9 with headings A–L. There are two headings you don't need to use. Extract 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Narratives and stories

See: *English File third edition Intermediate*
File 10B; Writing 4

EXTRACT	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
HEADING	C									

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- A 30,000 feet up
- B The phantom of the woods
- C *The power of passion*
- D Small, ingenious minds
- E Mystery woman
- F Life on another planet
- G Survival to the peak
- H Naughty children
- I A moment to look forward to
- J Return to nature
- K A surprise from the past
- L There's nothing like a song

PART 1

Extract 0, example

Samantha's heart was pounding as Damien came closer to her. His manly shoulders, dark eyes, and thick, black hair enraptured her. Outside, the waves were crashing against the harbour walls as the storm reached its crescendo. The time was near for the forces of nature to ignite. She couldn't wait any longer.

Extract 1

Through the biting wind we persevered on our climb, gusts of frozen air slicing at our faces. The summit of Everest was within sight, and yet it seemed so far away. I was beginning to think we'd never make it. Only two of us left, Tommy just about holding up with his injuries.

Extract 2

She was an old lady who lived in the big house in the middle of Nightshade Woods. Some said she was a witch, others eccentric. From time to time, Rhoda Roberts would suddenly appear in the local shop in her stiff black coat and tight hat. Then she'd disappear again. No one really knew her. Then, one spring, she disappeared forever.

Extract 3

Children are so funny. I asked one little boy in my primary class to name the four seasons. He thought about this for a minute, then said confidently, 'Salt, pepper, vinegar, and mustard'. Another favourite is when I asked, 'What is a fibula?' and the pupil responded, 'A small lie, sir'.

Extract 4

Look at them all. Ignoring me, so full of their own self-importance. Well, we'll change all that. The flight attendant is serving coffee; let's wait a few minutes more. Look at him, he's laughing. He won't be laughing soon. I'm not important? You'll all know my name in ten minutes' time.

Extract 5

Sunday dinner was the highlight of the week downstairs. Cook Martha Murphy would serve up the best roast in South End. All the parlour maids and housemen were sat around the kitchen table. This was our time, though the masters were always upstairs and the service bell never stopped.

Extract 6

Captain Luke Marshal of the United Earth Space Probe waited with anticipation for news from the ground. They had travelled over many galaxies and star systems to reach this planet where they were convinced there might be life. Suddenly, the spaceship's central screen came to life: 'Captain Marshal, there is life down here, and it's human. In fact, it looks as if we have landed in 19th century London!'

Extract 7

This is a message for Mike Smith. We haven't met but...I think we should. My name is Michelle Jameson. I believe you knew my mother briefly about 20 years ago when you were living in Brighton.

Extract 8

The sea was shivering sliver-grey while the naked moon filled the night sky with its majestic power. The waves stroked the fingers of Red Shale beach. Sally emerged from the woods, a light salty wind greeted her face. This was her destiny, to return to where she had come from.

Extract 9

Oh no dear, life was very different in my day. We didn't have all these TVs and things you have these days, we had to make our own entertainment. My mother would get us all around the piano and we'd sing for hours on end. The real event of the week was church on Sunday, the whole village under one roof and in harmony. Well, almost!