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S.6 END OF TERM 1 EXAMS
LITERATURE IN ENGLISH
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WILIAM GOLDING: LORD OF THE FLIES

TIME: 2 HRS

Read the extract below carefully and then respond to the questions that come after it.

This story of voting was almost as pleasing as the conch. Jack started to protest but the clamour changed from the general wish for a chief to an acclaim of Ralph himself. None of the boys could have found good reason for this; what intelligence had been shown was traceable to Piggy while the stillness of Ralph as he sat that marked him out: there was his size, and attractive appearance; and most obscurely, yet most powerfully, there was the conch. The being that had blown that, had sat waiting for them on the flat form with delicate thing balanced on his knees, was set apart.

“Him with the shell”

“Ralph! Ralph!”

“Let him be chief with the trumpet-thing!”

Ralph raised a hand for silence.

“All right. Who wants Jack for chief?”

With dreary obedience the choir raised their hands

“Who wants me?”

Every hand outside the choir except Piggy’s was raised immediately. Then Piggy, too, raised his hand grudgingly in to the air.

Ralph counted.

“I’m chief then”

The cycle of boys broke in to applause. Even the choir applauded; and the freckles on Jack’s face disappeared under a blush of mortification. He started up, then changed his mind and sat down again while the air rang. Ralph looked at him, eager to offer something.

Questions:

1. What reasons does the author give in this passage for the choice of Ralph as leader?
2. “What intelligence had been shown was traceable to Piggy”. Describe any three instances in the book where Piggy shows intelligence.
3. The conch is obviously very important. Write about showing why it is important in the book.
4. Write a brief account of the exploration of the island by Ralph, Jack and Simon that follows immediately after this passage.

GOOD LUCK