



**SASTRI COLLEGE**  
**DRAMATIC ARTS GRADE 11**  
**CHARACTER BIOGRAPHY**  
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**MARKS:** 25

**DURATION:** 1 Hour

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. You have been allocated FIVE minutes reading.
2. Answer all the questions.
3. Number your answers according to the numbering system used in this paper.
4. Write neatly and legibly.

**QUESTION ONE: CHARACTER BIOGRAPHY**

**STUDY THE SOURCE BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON PAGE 2.**

**SOURCE**

Why do I always do this? Why do I always Mess things up?	1
<i>(Pause)</i>	2
I get something good then I ruin it.	3
<i>(Kicks something handy)</i>	4
I always have to go and spoil things for people. I just try to have a little fun ... but ... I don't know when	5
to stop. I keep playing ... like a little kid who tells a funny joke over and over. They keep saying it 'cause it	6
was funny once so it should be funny a bunch of times. Then when it's not funny anymore, they don't	7
know how to quit. They keep trying, hoping it will still be funny. They keep on joking until someone gets	8
mad and ... hurts you.	9
<i>(Pause)</i>	10
I'm always playing games. I can't stop.	11
<i>(Has trouble speaking)</i>	12
I ... can't ... stop.	13
<i>(Gains control again)</i>	14
I always hurt someone. My daddy left because of me.	15
<i>(Sees reaction)</i>	16
He did. I found a letter he wrote my mama. He said he didn't want to be tied down by a kid.	17
<i>(Chokes)</i>	18
Mama said it was for the best.	19
<i>(Sad)</i>	20
But I ran Mama off too. She had better things to do than to sit around playing my games.	21
<i>(Looks at house)</i>	22
And I'm still playing my little games. I should have listened to you. You got a good head. You stopped	23
playing games when you were two or three I bet. Adults always like you ... Me? I get 'em to like to hate	24
me. Get 'em so worked up they want nothing but to have me gone. You gotta admit, I do it well.	25
<i>(Sits. Trying to control crying)</i>	26
I'm sure you've got better things to do than listen to me.	27
<i>(Looks away)</i>	28
I wanna be alone okay? Please ... Go. Run far away ... Like everyone else.	29

**CHARACTER BIOGRAPHY**

**Answer the following questions as if you are the speaker in the poem.**

1. What is your full name?
2. Where did you grow up?
3. Where do you live now?
4. Describe your home and community. Write a paragraph.
5. How has your childhood affected your life? Write a paragraph.
6. Give a brief history of your family. Include names of parents and siblings. Write at least ten lines.
7. List three important events in your life and explain how it affected you. Write at least ten lines.
8. Write the names of three important friends. Explain why they are important.
9. Describe your school life. Write at least five lines.
10. What is your religion?
11. What is your socio-economic status? (Are you rich, poor or middle class)
12. What are your hobbies?
13. What are your dreams in life?
14. What are you willing to do to accomplish your dreams? Write five lines.
15. What is your worst nightmare? Write five lines.
16. How do you view yourself? Write five lines.
17. How do other people view you? Write five lines.
18. What kind of music do you listen to?
19. What is your favourite thing to do?
20. Explain how your character changes in the weeks after the poem.

**TOTAL MARKS: 25**