

# SAMPLE SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

## WRITING

### SAMPLE WRITING TEST INSTRUCTIONS

**DO NOT OPEN THIS SECTION UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD**

- 1 This part of the question booklet contains a picture you should use as the basis for a piece of writing.
- 2 You have 20 minutes to write.
- 3 You are to write in the writing section of your answer booklet.
- 4 The writing which will get the highest marks will have a combination of the following:
  - A title which sums up in a word or short phrase what the whole piece of writing is about
  - Interesting and unusual ideas, stories, descriptions, arguments, depending on the type of writing
  - Language which is fluent and allows the reader to visualise exactly what the writer means using interesting and more complex sentence constructions, vocabulary and imagery
  - A complete structure so that there is a progression through stages leading to a conclusion.

The amount you write is not as important as the quality of your writing.
- 6 This is not a test of your handwriting, but remember that to get marks someone has to be able to read your writing.
- 7 There is a blank space for planning on the next page of this question booklet where you may jot ideas or make a plan if you wish. Writing in this space will not be marked.
- 8 Wait for your instructions to begin the writing test.

## **SAMPLE PLANNING PAGE**

**Use the space below for planning if you require it.**

**Your planning will not be marked and no extra time is allowed for planning.**

PLANNING  
ONLY

**When you have finished your planning,  
write your response in the writing section of your answer booklet.**