

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.

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