



ESSAY WRITING

Narrative Writing

October/November 2019 (12)

Write a story which includes the sentence: 'When she tried to open the door, she was surprised that the key didn't fit.'

Write a story in which a science laboratory plays an important part.

October/ November 2019 (11)

Write a story which includes the sentence: 'There were two very different opportunities and he knew he had to choose the right one:'

Write a story in which a broken light plays an important part.

May/June 2019 (12)

Write a story which includes the sentence: 'He spoke in such a nervous way, she thought he was going to change their plan!

Write a story in which a map plays an important part.

May/June 2019 (11)

Write a story which includes the words: 'Two years after they last saw each other, she was amazed at how confident he seemed!'

Write a story in which a promise plays an important part.

October/November 2018 (12)

Write a story which includes the words: 'The house they lived in as children now looked very different.'

Write a story about a time when you wanted to do something adventurous but you had to change your plans.

October/November 2018 (11)

Write a story which includes the words: 'They both read their letters and then walked away in opposite directions.'

Write a story about someone who became successful because of their determination and hard work.

May/June 2018 (12)

Write a story which includes the words: 'When they entered the room, we were impressed by what they were wearing.'

Write a story about someone who lost all his possessions while he was helping other people.

May/June 2018 (11)

Write a story which includes the words: 'When they did not agree with her solution, she felt angry.' Write a story in which two people unexpectedly agreed to help each other.

October/November 2017 (12)

Write a story which includes the sentence: 'Because the space was so small, it did not seem possible to get the vehicle through it.'

Write a story in which a text message plays an important part.

October/November 2017 (11)

Write a story which includes the sentence: 'When the announcement was made, two people got up and left the room.'

Write a story in which a diary plays an important part.

May/June 2017 (12)

Write a story which includes the sentence: 'I don't want any argument about this; we are going to see him now and that's final.'

Write a story in which an unexpected guest arrives at a wedding.

May/June 2017 (11)

Write a story which includes the sentence: 'It suddenly became clear that they were not as lazy as everyone said they were.'

Write a story in which a locked door plays an important part.

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

(25 Marks Each)

Describe the scene before and during an important celebration in your community. (Remember you can describe the atmosphere, the surroundings and the people.)

Write a description of your neighbourhood during and after a power outage.

Describe your first impressions of a town or country that you visited.

Write about a place you go to when you want to be alone and why you like to go there.

Describe a memorable journey in which you and your family or friends were involved. Remember, you should focus your response on the journey itself and not the place you were travelling to.

Describe the house of a person much older than you.

Describe a friend or sibling and what they mean to you.

Describe your most memorable experience with a teacher and your worst memory with a teacher.

Describe a time when you were outside in extreme weather conditions, such as a storm or a heatwave.

Describe two very different people, apart from your parents, who are important role models for you. They could be relatives, friends or famous people.

EXAM STYLE PROMPTS

EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 Describe a room in a house that belongs to an older person and one that belongs to a teenager. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe a typical lunch break at your school. Remember you are describing what people are doing (such as chatting to friends, playing sport or eating), where these activities are taking place, and the atmosphere. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a narrative in which running plays an important part. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a narrative that includes the words, '... I thought I had the solution....' (25)

EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 Describe the inside of an interesting shop and its contrastingly boring exterior. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe the scene in your house when your family is preparing for a special occasion. (Remember you are describing the atmosphere, the people and what they are doing, as well as the place.) (25)

OR

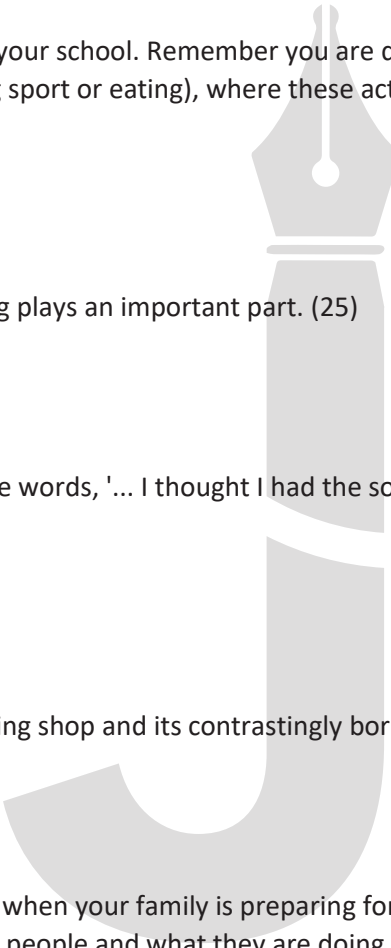
Narrative Writing

4 Write a story with the sentence, 'we were not expecting visitors on that day'. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story which involves a mistake in the sending or receiving of a message. (25)



EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 Describe a day in which you experienced one completely new event and one familiar, routine task. Reflect on how each experience made you feel. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Write a description about an unexpected meeting. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that includes the words, '... I realized it wasn't working ...' (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story that revolves around the right timing for something. (25)

EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 Describe a station in an office that is busy and one that is idle. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Write a description of the beach during the day and at night. (25)

OR

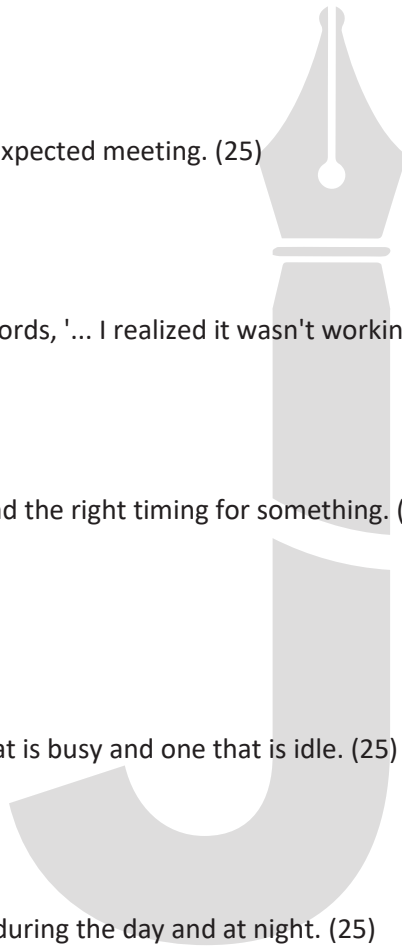
Narrative Writing

4 Write a story in which a bridge plays an important part. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story that includes the words, '... I couldn't put it off any longer' (25)



EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 Imagine you are standing at the top of the highest building for many miles around. Describe what you see and hear below you, and the scene around you at the top. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe the scene from your position on the bank of a river and whilst in the middle of the river during river rafting. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that involves an argument. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story which includes the sentence, "I can't believe we are breaking so many rules." (25)

EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 You open the door to a surprise visitor. Describe the visitor and your thoughts and feelings when they first begin to speak and when they are leaving. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe a moment when you unexpectedly encountered a wild animal, and an experience where you spent time with a friendly, familiar pet. (25)

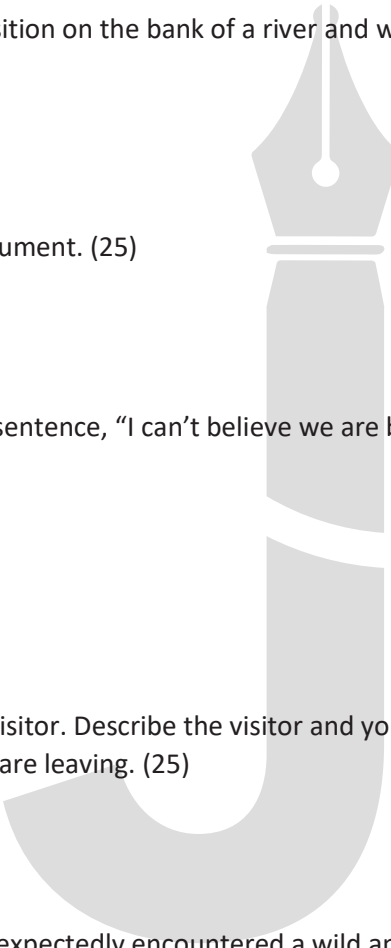
Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that includes a second chance. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story which includes the sentence, 'It sounded like a straightforward request...: (25)



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Descriptive Writing

2 Describe a holiday resort at a quiet time and during rush hours. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Imagine you have just started a job in a café or restaurant. Describe the place, its customers and your thoughts and feelings as you do your work. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that revolves around a painting. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story that includes the sentence, 'a silver moon rose silently into the dark sky, its beauty unnoticed by the lone figure below.' (25)

EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 On a long journey through an unfamiliar region, the bus on which you are travelling breaks down for a short time. Describe what you see and hear around you, and your thoughts and feelings as you wait. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe an interesting building that you know well. Include your thoughts and feelings about it. (25)

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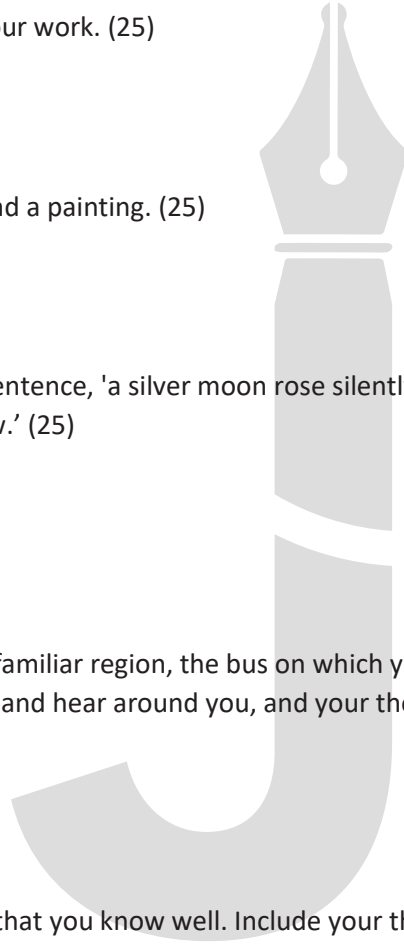
Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that includes an unexpected telephone call. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story with the sentence, 'who could've stolen it?'. (25)



EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 Describe the preparations for a trip with your family or with your school, and the moment of departure. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Imagine you return to your school or college long after the end of the school day. Describe what you see and hear, and your thoughts and feelings as you walk through the building. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story about a time when you lost something important. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story with the sentence, 'I cannot believe that she lied to me.' (25)

EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 On your way to a friend's house, you decide to take an unfamiliar route and end up getting lost. Describe the surroundings in this new area, how you felt while trying to find your way, and the moment you finally regained your sense of direction. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe a special meal you enjoy with friends or family. As well as describing the food, explain where and when you have the meal and why it is important to you. (25)

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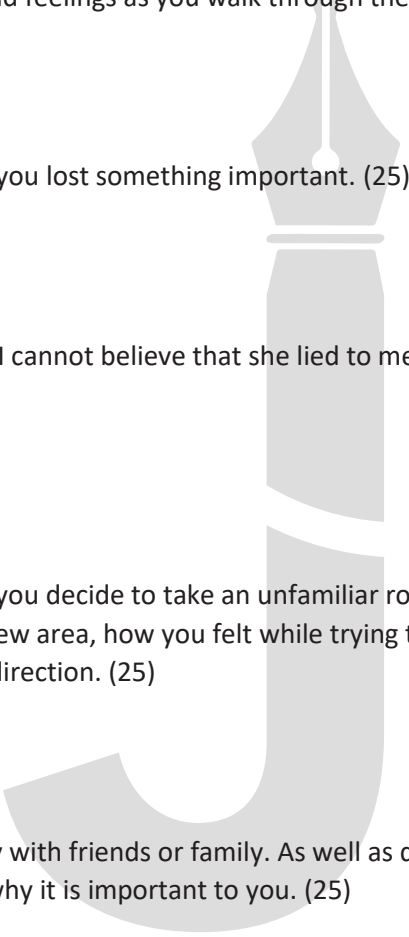
Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that includes with an unexpected delay on a journey. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story which includes the words, '... if only I had listened!' (25)



EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 Describe a familiar place at an unusual time or from a different point of view.

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe what you see, hear and feel when you look up into the sky at sunrise and during sunset. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story which includes the words, 'I tried to stay calm'. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story that includes a 'now or never' moment. (25)

EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 Describe moving from a stressful place to one which is peaceful. Describe both the settings. (25)

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Write a description of a place where animals are kept in captivity, such as a zoo, wildlife park or sea-life centre. (25)

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'She threw her bag on the back seat of the car and quickly got into the passenger seat.' (25)

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story about a person who completely changed their mind about someone. (25)

