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Academic Selective Entrance Test (ASET)

Sample Paper

COMMUNICATING IDEAS IN WRITING

YEAR 6

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INSTRUCTIONS

Write your response in your answer booklet.

- Make sure the question number matches the answer you are writing.
- Do not spend too long on one question. You can return to difficult questions later.
- Use a lead (graphite) pencil.
- There is no penalty for wrong answers, so make your best effort.
- To change an answer, erase it completely before writing a new one.
- Keep working until you finish or the supervisor asks you to stop.
- You may write in this booklet for rough work, but final answers must be in the answer booklet.
- Do not turn the page until you are told to begin.

WRITE YOUR FULL NAME TO CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS HERE:

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Before you start

- This sample has one writing task: a picture, a planning page and two lined pages. The real ASET writing paper has two tasks of 25 minutes each.
- Look at the picture and read the prompt. Plan with the four steps before writing anything. The planning page is where the marks are won.
- Write for 25 minutes. Aim for 4 or 5 paragraphs, about 250 to 400 words. Use the three challenge words.
- Never write the first idea. Dig for the idea nobody else will have. Small and true beats big and generic.
- Markers look for three things: thought and content (an original idea with a deeper meaning), structure (a strong opening, clear paragraphs, a purposeful ending) and expression (precise words, varied sentences, feelings shown through actions).

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Communicating Ideas in Writing

one task · 25 minutes



Write a story or a piece of your choice about this picture. Who made this boat, and why did they leave it here? Where do they hope it will go?

Use the three challenge words: **fragile** **drift** **resilient**

1 · SEE

What can you see? Objects, setting, colours, weather, time of day.

2 · DESCRIBE

Adjectives for the main things: simple, stronger, advanced.

3 · RELATE

How does this picture connect to your life, a memory or a feeling you know?

4 · DEEPER MEANING

It looks like it is about _____, but it is really about _____.

Thought and content: an original idea with a deeper meaning underneath.
Structure: a strong opening, clear paragraphs, a purposeful ending.
Expression: precise words, varied sentences, feelings shown through actions.

Title: _____

☐ I used all three challenge words ☐ My opening is not on the banned list

☐ I showed a feeling through an action ☐ My ending echoes, reflects or looks ahead

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