

### ***Practice for English language paper 1 question 5***

Question 5 is a 40 mark question. 24 of those marks are dedicated to the content and organisation of your work. 16 of those marks are dedicated to spelling, punctuation and grammar. Although some students feel a little overwhelmed at the amount of marks on offer with this question, it is NOT impossible. Always aim as high as you can and do your best.

In the exam you will have 45 minutes to write an **extended** piece of writing.

You will receive two options of tasks. 1 will be a description based off of an image, the second option will be a story.

If you choose to write the story it will help if you have already got characters in your mind that you have already created and they can then be placed into different scenarios depending on the task.

Complete these character journals to make sure you have a character that you know very well and can use in any story- it will save a lot of time!

### **My Character**

**What is their name:**

**What is their most treasured memory?**

***What is their most haunting life experience?***

***Who would they want to call in an emergency?***

***Would they rather be the manipulator or the manipulated?***

***What is the first thing they smell in the morning?***

***What is the last thing they hear before they go to sleep?***

### **In their shoes – character journaling**

Imagine that you are your character. Every day, you will write a short diary entry as though you are your character. Each day has a different prompt.

Take 10 minutes by yourself in a quiet place. *Think about the prompt*, and write with as much detail and craft as you can. Over the course of this term you will build up an extensive collection of ideas and images which you have explored as your character.

This is not about perfection – this is about having a collection of ideas you can dip into when you go into the exams.

**Task 1: Describe something your character once had which was stolen.**

***You could:***

- ***Describe the thing***
- ***Explain how they got it in the first place***
- ***Explain what happened to it***
- ***Show how they feel about it***

**Task 2: What is something your character has always regretted saying? Why?**

**What is your character's favourite moment in a film? Why?**

**Imagine the room where your character spends the most time. They have to set something on fire in that room. What do they choose and why?**

**Task 3: Brainstorm ideas under each heading – think about how your character might answer these prompts..**

**A guilty pleasure**

**Comfort**

**Honesty**

**What you've kept**

**Task 4: Describe these dead flowers from the perspective of your character.**

**Consider: Where are they seeing them? What do they notice about them? What do they remind them of?**



**Task 5: Write a diary entry which includes these four words:**

***lies, locked, laughter, lingering***

**Task 6: Brainstorm ideas under each heading – think about how your character might answer these prompts..**

**Your most treasured photograph**

**The last thing you'd want to do**

**Something you never told your mother**

**Where will you be exactly a year from today?**