

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

0300/2, 0301/2, 0302/2, 0306/2

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH



Writing

Sample Test

OPTIONAL SET TEXT QUESTIONS

5 This is the separate booklet referred to under question 5 on the question paper. The following questions are based on the optional set texts:

Answer ONE of the following two questions based on ONE of the titles below (280 – 320 words). Write the letter (a) or (b) as well as the number 5 in the space at the top page 12 of the question paper or on a separate answer sheet (if preferred).

(a) Tracy Chevalier: GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING

A literary magazine has asked readers to send in articles on ‘Creating Atmosphere in Novels’. You decide to write an article on GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING in which you describe the atmosphere of secrecy and fear which Griet experienced in the Vermeer household. You should also explain how Griet’s relationships with two or three of the following characters added to her feelings of anxiety: Cornelia, Catharina, Maria Thins and van Ruijven.

Write your ARTICLE.

(b) Tobias Hill: THE CRYPTOGRAPHER

You belong to a book club which has asked its members to write reports on the theme of trust in a novel of their choice. You decide to write a report recommending THE CRYPTOGRAPHER, describing the part trust plays in the development of the story and assessing how important trust is to at least two characters in the novel.

Write your REPORT.

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