

# **OSSLT**

## **Literacy Test Preparation Booklet**

# **PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

Booklet 1: Writing a News Report

Provide your answer in the *Answer Booklet*.

## School team qualifies for finals



**1 Task:**

Write a **news report** based on the headline and picture above.

- You will have to make up the facts and information to answer some or all of the following questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
- You must relate your news report to **both** the headline **and** the picture.

**Purpose and Audience:**

to report on an event for the readers of a newspaper

**Length:**

The lined space provided in the *Answer Booklet* for your written work indicates the approximate length of the writing expected.

Read the question in the *Question Booklet* before providing your answer here.

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A series of horizontal lines for writing an answer, starting with four lines on the left side of the page and continuing with many more lines across the page.

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Booklet 2: Writing a Series of Paragraphs

**Writing a Series of Paragraphs**

<b>Task:</b>	Write a <b>minimum of three paragraphs</b> expressing an <b>opinion</b> on the topic below. Develop your main idea with supporting details (proof, facts, examples, etc.).
<b>Purpose and Audience:</b>	an adult who is interested in your opinion
<b>Length:</b>	The lined space provided for your written work indicates the approximate length of the writing expected.
<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Do students benefit from the two-month summer break?</b>

*Write your series of paragraphs on the lines provided on the following two pages.*

**Rough Notes**

*Use the space below for your rough notes. Nothing you write in this space will be scored.*





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Booklet 3: Multiple Choice



Read the selection below and answer the questions in the *Answer Booklet*.

## A Huge Mural Marks a Graffiti Philosophy in Montreal

They are graffiti artists. They spray-paint buildings. And they are paid by taxpayers.

Their latest work, *Our Lady of Grace*, unveiled in November 2011, transformed a dingy, beige brick wall in Montreal's west end into a six-storey canvas that hundreds now stop to admire.

While Montreal can be tough on illegal graffiti and tagging, the city has developed a relationship with graffiti artists, who are adamant that their genre is legitimate. "It's the same as a paintbrush, and we are showing our talent," said the artist who only gave his name as Fluke.

Beginning in 2006, Montreal budgeted \$1.2 million to attack the problem of graffiti. That includes about \$150 000 for murals. The *Our Lady of Grace* fresco cost the city \$26 000 and took 400 cans of spray paint to complete. The mural shows the lady in a flowing robe, surrounded by scenes of the urban landscape and reminders—such as Caribbean birds—of the multicultural character of the area.

New murals are going up regularly in Montreal. In August and September 2011, walls honouring singer, songwriter and actor Raymond Levesque and jazz artist Oscar Peterson went up.

"We turn an energy that might be negative into one that's positive," said an executive from the mayor's office.

Still, Fluke worries about his art form. Old factories are turning into condos. Politicians crack down looking for votes. "Graffiti as a subculture is growing dramatically, but we have less space to do it. [Murals] like this allow our voice to be heard," he said.



Write your answers in the *Answer Booklet*.

### Multiple-Choice Questions

- 1** Why did Montreal establish a relationship with graffiti artists?
- a to deal with vandalism
  - b to help politicians gain votes
  - c to honour famous entertainers
  - d to introduce citizens to local art
- 2** Which word is closest in meaning to “adamant” as used in paragraph 3?
- a critical
  - b insistent
  - c annoyed
  - d surprised
- 3** What feature of *Our Lady of Grace* reflects an aspect of the neighbourhood’s diverse population?
- a the work’s title
  - b the urban location
  - c the Caribbean birds
  - d the use of spray paint
- 4** How is the information in paragraph 7 organized?
- a cause and effect
  - b question and answer
  - c comparison and contrast
  - d statement and explanation
- 5** What is the main idea of this selection?
- a Artwork is very expensive.
  - b Artists require lots of space.
  - c Co-operation reduces conflict.
  - d Interest groups block progress.

Read the questions in the *Question Booklet* before providing your answers here.

## A Huge Mural Marks a Graffiti Philosophy in Montreal



### Multiple-Choice

1 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

2 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

3 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

4 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

5 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○



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### Multiple-Choice Questions

- 1** Choose the best place to insert the following sentence.

**Industrialization was one cause of these changes.**

(1) In 1900, more than 85% of the world's population farmed their own food. (2) However, several developments led people to move from the country to the city. (3) This new type of economy depended on factories that were located close to raw materials, power and transportation. (4) These sites attracted many workers. (5) Hence, there was a shift from rural settings to urban centres.

- a after sentence 1
- b after sentence 2
- c after sentence 3
- d after sentence 4

- 2** Select the best option to complete the sentence below.

The menu offers \_\_\_\_\_ soup \_\_\_\_\_ salad with a meal for an additional \$1.99.

- a both, or
- b maybe, or
- c either, or
- d neither, or

- 3** Which option shows how to make the following sentence correct?

**Halifax's Pier 21, the former point of arrival for most new immigrants to Canada is now a museum and historical landmark.**

- a Add a colon after "arrival."
- b Add a comma after "Canada."
- c Remove the capital on "Pier."
- d Remove the apostrophe in "Halifax's."

- 4** Which sentence is correct?

- a My father is feeling better for two weeks.
- b I don't remember how long I've had my car.
- c I will be going on a bike ride, when I changed my mind.
- d I promise Michael that I would pick him up at 10:00 p.m.

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**Multiple-Choice**

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**ROUGH NOTES**

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