



Stage 1 SACE

English as a Second Language

Practice Examination

Time: 1.5 hours

Assessing teacher: N Eaton

Instructions to candidates:

- Part One is worth 15 out of twenty marks. Part Two is worth 5 out of twenty.
- Spend 60 – 70 minutes on Part One and 20-30 minutes on Part Two.
- Dictionaries (print or electronic) are permitted.

Assessment

You will be assessed on your

- Comprehension of the written texts and ability to use the information in your writing
- Clarity and accuracy of your written expression
- Understanding of the conventions and language features of essays and formal letters

Part A (15 marks)

Read the following three texts related to the film *Slumdog Millionaire*. Drawing information from all of the texts, write a response of approximately 400 words in which you answer the following question:

Essay question:

Slumdog Millionaire is a Western film and the actors should have been paid Western wages. Discuss.

Article 1:

'Slumdog' children in millionaire world

The two child stars from the hit movie "Slumdog Millionaire" are on their way to Los Angeles to attend the Oscars ceremony. The two children, Rubina Ali and Azharuddin Ismail, actually live in the Mumbai slums where the movie was filmed.

Their trip to Hollywood is an example of life imitating art. The movie tells the story of how a teenager from one of the poorest parts of India becomes a millionaire. Little Rubina and Azharuddin will now do the same, for a weekend at least. They will

swap the poverty of their daily lives for the riches and glamour of the movie world's biggest night. It could turn out to be a rags-to-riches tale for the young stars. They are already getting many enquiries from India's film studios about acting in Bollywood movies.

"Slumdog Millionaire" director Danny Boyle said he was very excited for the two young stars. He said it was fantastic that the pair would rub shoulders with the stars on the famous red carpet. Boyle has already promised to fund all of the children's education. Nine-

year-old Rubina said she couldn't wait to arrive in L.A. She told the AP news agency: "I'm very happy that I'm going to the Oscars...My friends are saying, 'your fate is so good'." She said she wasn't scared and that she would take lots of photos to show her friends in Mumbai. Meanwhile, there are more rumours of life copying art. The on-screen romance between Jamal, played by 18-year-old Dev Patel, and Latika, played by Freida Pinto, 24, may be happening for real.

Slumdog child stars miss out on the movie millions

Their roles in *Slumdog Millionaire* have won them international acclaim and seen them rub shoulders with the film's glamorous stars and its British director.

But the reality of life for Rubina Ali and Azharuddin Ismail is far closer to that of the characters they play in the story of love, violent crime and extreme poverty in India. The child actors' parents have accused the hit film's producers of exploiting and underpaying the eight-year-olds, disclosing that both face uncertain futures in one of Mumbai's most squalid slums.

Slumdog Millionaire has won four Golden Globes and is nominated for 10 Oscars. It is on its way to making hundreds of millions of pounds in box office receipts.

The film's British director, Danny Boyle, has spoken of how he set up trust funds for Rubina and Azharuddin and paid for their education. But it has emerged that the children, who played Latika and Salim in the

early scenes of the film, were paid less than many Indian domestic servants.

Rubina was paid £500 for a year's work while Azharuddin received £1,700, according to the children's parents.

However a spokesman for the film's American distributors, Fox Searchlight, disputed this saying the fees were more than three times the average annual salary an adult in their neighbourhood would receive. They would not disclose the actual sum.

Both children were found places in a local school and receive £20 a month for books and food. However, they continue to live in grinding poverty and their families say they have received no details of the trust funds set up in their names. Their parents said that they had hoped the film would be their ticket out of the slums, and that its success had made them realise how little their children had been paid.

Article 3:

Slumdog Millionaire actress's home destroyed in Mumbai slum fire

A fire in a Mumbai slum destroyed the one-room shack of Slumdog Millionaire child actress Rubina Ali, leaving her family homeless, Ali said.

The fire also swept through hundreds of tenements late on Friday near railway tracks where Ali continued to live even after gaining global recognition. Nobody was hurt in the fire. Ali, who shot to international fame for her role in Danny Boyle's Oscar winning 2008 film *Slumdog Millionaire*, said she lost most of her belongings including precious photographs taken during her trip to Los Angeles for the Oscar ceremony.

"We only have a few clothes left, we tried hard to salvage whatever we could before the fire spread. My pictures at the Oscars, all my memories, are all gone," Ali said as the rest of the family huddled under one blanket.

Wisps of smoke rose from the slum as Ali and her family rummaged through the ashes, trying to salvage their possessions.

Ali was 8-years-old when she played the role of the young Latika in Boyle's Oscar winning film, and her journey from the slum to the Oscar stage made international headlines.

Boyle had promised that he would provide both her and her co-star Azharuddin houses in Mumbai.

While Azharuddin moved into his new house in July 2009, Ali is due to move into an apartment within the next couple of months in Bandra, one of Mumbai's most expensive suburbs, and home many Bollywood stars.

"We have found a flat for them and they will move in in the next couple of months," Neerja Mattoo, a member of the "Jai Ho" trust, set up to look after the children's education and other needs said.

Part B

(5 Marks)

Answer **either** question 1 or question 2.

Brrrrrrrr, winter is definitely here

From: Adelaide Advertiser June 04, 2013

ADELAIDE has shivered through another cold night and there is more to come, the Bureau of Meteorology says.

Senior forecaster Belinda Gibson said last night's minimum of 4C was below average, but not unusual. On June 1, the temperature fell to a low of 3.7C.

"It's not actually as cold as it was last week, but it was a cold night obviously," she said.

"It does look like the cold mornings are going to persist, for us here in Adelaide and across the state, right through to early next week. But I wouldn't think it would get quite as cool tonight."

1. Write a formal letter of approximately 150 words requesting heating in your rented house. Give reasons to persuade your land-lord to agree.
2. Write a formal letter of approximately 150 words requesting better heating in your school. Give reasons to persuade your principal to agree.