

**Part Two: Writing (Items 16-30)**

**Directions: Choose the best word or words to fill in each blank.**

Writing 1: Items 16-20

Situation: You are Todd Jacobs. You are writing a letter to Samantha,  
a new student coming to your school next year.

Dear Samantha,

I hear that you will be coming to our school next year and I want to be the first to  
welcome you.

I \_\_\_16\_\_\_ my first day at the middle school. I was a little bit scared coming to  
school \_\_\_17\_\_\_ I would be with all the older kids. I had never had to switch  
classrooms before and I didn't know where I would be all of the time. This was  
scary and \_\_\_18\_\_\_ because I found out that I wouldn't be in class with my best  
friend. While I was scared, I was also \_\_\_19\_\_\_ because I would get to be in the  
band and meet new people. As it turned out, everything was fine and I \_\_\_20\_\_\_  
new friends in my classes.

I hope you have a good summer.

See you next year.

Todd Jacobs

16. 1. open  
2. think  
3. forget  
4. remember
17. 1. so  
2. while  
3. because  
4. although
18. 1. really upset I was  
2. upset I really was  
3. I was really upset  
4. upset I was really
19. 1. bored  
2. excited  
3. annoyed  
4. shocked
20. 1. make  
2. made  
3. am making  
4. was making

## Writing 2: Items 21-25

Situation: You are writing a column about Vincent van Gogh for the school newspaper.

Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch artist. His work was famous for its beauty, emotion and color. It had a great \_\_\_21\_\_\_ on modern art. \_\_\_22\_\_\_ his lifetime, he did not experience much success. He was not well known when he was alive, and most people did not \_\_\_23\_\_\_ his art. He suffered with mental illness, and remained poor and unknown.

Van Gogh died in France in 1890, at the age of 37, from a gunshot wound. After he died, he became very famous. These days, Van Gogh \_\_\_24\_\_\_ as one of the most outstanding artists of all time. He \_\_\_25\_\_\_ create modern art. He made more than 2,000 artworks, with 900 paintings and 1,100 drawings and sketches.

21. 1. sense  
2. treasure  
3. influence  
4. explanation
22. 1. During  
2. From  
3. In fact  
4. Even though

23. 1. appreciate  
2. appreciating  
3. appreciation  
4. appreciated
24. 1. views  
2. viewed  
3. is viewed  
4. was viewed
25. 1. would be helping  
2. was helped  
3. did helped  
4. helped



Writing 3 : Items 26-30

Situation : You assume two roles. First, you are DEVASTATED GIRL writing a letter asking advice from ANGIE. Then, you play the role of ANGIE giving advice to DEVASTATED GIRL.

DEAR ANGIE:

My best friend was killed trying to swim across the river. Her \_\_\_26\_\_\_ hurts me very much. It hurts for not being able to stop her \_\_\_27\_\_\_ doing so. I don't know \_\_\_28\_\_\_. I can't sleep as the pain of missing her lingers on. Dear Angie, please advise me how I can take the pain away.

DEVASTATED GIRL

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DEAR DEVASTATED GIRL:

The smartest thing for you to do is to talk with your friend's parents to share your \_\_\_29\_\_\_. You may also see your school counselor. If counseling isn't being offered at the school, \_\_\_30\_\_\_ with your parents to share ideas to solve this terrible feeling of losing your best friend.

ANGIE

26. 1. past  
2. work  
3. death  
4. trouble

27. 1. in  
2. on  
3. from  
4. about
28. 1. what to do  
2. why to ask  
3. how to stop  
4. when to help
29. 1. anger  
2. credit  
3. honesty  
4. sorrow
30. 1. talk  
2. to talk  
3. talking  
4. being talked

