ESL Writing Test Practice

Part 1: An anecdote about a past event.

Last winter, my family went on a trip to Đà Lạt. On our first day, we visited a flower garden full of bright, beautiful flowers.

I was taking photos when I saw a butterfly land on my hand. I stayed very still so I wouldn't scare it away. It stayed there for almost a minute!

I had never been that close to a butterfly before. I felt surprised and calm at the same time. It was a small moment, but it made me really happy.

What kind of writing is this?	a) A short story b) A leaflet c) An anecdote
What is the purpose of this writing?	a) To entertain b) To inform c) To persuade
When did the trip take place?	a) Last summer b) Next year c) In the winter
What activities did the writer do?	a) They visited a park b) They visited a flower garden c) They went on a tour
How did the writer feel?	a) Happy and surprised b) Excited and happy c) Surprised and calm
Identify two adjectives used in the text.	

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Part 2: A letter to a friend.

Dear Mai,

I have to tell you about something really cool I found!

Last week, I was walking in the park near my house when I saw something shiny in the grass. I picked it up and it was an old coin! It looked very different from the coins we use now. My dad said it might be from another country or from a long time ago. I felt so excited, like a real explorer!

Have you ever discovered something interesting?

See you soon!
Hanh

What kind of writing is this?	a) A letter b) An anecdote c) A report
What is the purpose of this writing?	a) To inform b) To entertain c) To persuade
Who is the writer?	a) Mai b) Hanh c) You
When did this event take place?	a) This week b) Last year c) Last week
Why was the coin interesting?	a) It was incredibly shiny. b) It was very rare. c) It was from a different time.
What did the writer compare themselves to?	a) An adventurer b) An archaeologist. c) An explorer.

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Part 3: A short story.

'The Rainy Surprise'

It was raining when I arrived at my friend's house. I shook off my umbrella and stepped inside. Suddenly, the lights went off — a power cut!

We lit some candles and decided to tell spooky stories. Just as my friend started her story, thunder crashed outside and made us both jump. We screamed, then laughed so hard we fell over.

Her mum brought us hot chocolate, and we sat together, warm and cozy. Even though the storm was loud, I felt safe and happy. It was a rainy day I'll always remember.

What kind of writing is this?	a) A leaflet b) A short story c) An anecdote
What is the purpose of this writing?	a) To report b) To inform c) To entertain
What was the problem in the story?	a) It was raining b) The writer did not have an umbrella. c) The lights went out
Why did the people in the story jump and scream?	a) They were soaking wet. b) The thunder was very loud. c) They were scared of the dark.
What two adjectives are used to describe sitting together?	a) Happy and cozy b) Cool and warm c) Warm and cozy
What feeling did the writer have at the end of the story?	a) Negative b) Positive c) Neutral

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