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*"Aris Academy turned my daughter's writing around. She went from struggling with structure to scoring 18/20 in weeks."*

— Parent of Year 6 Student



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2026 SELECTIVE WORKBOOK

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# Practice *Reimagined.*

Experience the power of instant feedback. Scan any question inside to get marked by our expert marker.

# Writing Test Simulator



**NARRATIVE** **The Unique Superhero**

*"Create a story about a superhero who has an unusual power that no one has ever heard of before. Describe how they discovered their power and how they use it to help others."*

Audience: Your classmates and teacher · 250–350 words

WRITING SPACE

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# Persuasive Challenge



**PERSUASIVE** **Calculator Debate**

*"Write a persuasive piece arguing for OR against the following statement: 'Students should be allowed to use calculators in all mathematics exams.' Use clear reasons and examples to support your position."*

Audience: School principal and teachers · 200–300 words

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MODULE 02

# Writing Gym: Skill Drills

Isolate. Practice. Master.



**TRANSFORM** Skill: Vivid Verbs

Replace weak verbs like "went" with specific verbs that show HOW someone moved.

**Weak:** "She went to the door." **Strong:** "She dashed to the door."

YOUR TURN

"The cat went across the room."

My Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMITATE** Skill: Vivid Verbs

Copy the pattern of using sound verbs to bring a scene to life.

MENTOR TEXT

"The bacon sizzled and spat in the pan."

Notice how both verbs (*sizzled, spat*) create SOUND. You can *hear* this sentence.

**New Topic: Describe rain on a roof.**

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MODULE 02

# Critical Thinking Drills



**SPOT-ERROR** Skill: Concision

Find the redundant pairs and unnecessary intensifiers, then rewrite.

"**Each and every** student must submit their **final and complete** assignment by **the end of the day today**. The **basic fundamentals** must be **absolutely perfect**."

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**IDENTIFY** Skill: Connotation

Which sentence creates the **MOST NEGATIVE** impression of the person described?

A Sarah was careful with her spending.

B Sarah was thrifty and budget-conscious.

C Sarah was cheap and hoarded every penny.

D Sarah was frugal and saved regularly.

## Why Connotation?

Selective markers look for "nuance." Choosing a word with the right emotional weight can be the difference between a Band 4 and a Band 5 in Vocabulary.

MODULE 03

# Mathematics Mastery

Try the full booklet at [aris-academy.com/booklet/26-02-1](http://aris-academy.com/booklet/26-02-1)



## Q1. Symbol Equations

Each symbol represents a different number.

☆, ○, △ each represent a different value.

$$4 \times \star = 20$$

$$\circ = \star + 10$$

$$\triangle = \circ - 6$$

What is △?

A. 5

B. 8

C. 9

D. 10

E. 15

## Q2. Money Problem

Emma had \$20. Emma gave some to Liam. Liam then gave half of what he had left to Oliver. Oliver gave two thirds of what he was given to Jason. Jason received \$5.

How much did Emma give to Liam?

A. \$2.50

B. \$5

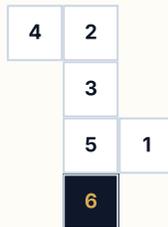
C. \$7.50

D. \$15

E. \$15.50

## Q3. Cube Nets

The net below folds into a cube. Which number is opposite 6?



A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

E. 5

## Q4. Paired Weights

Three different boxes are weighed in pairs. Different pairs have combined weights of **33 kg**, **34 kg** and **51 kg** as shown.



When the three boxes are weighed together, what is their combined weight?

A. 59 kg

B. 67 kg

C. 84 kg

D. 85 kg

E. 118 kg

## Q5. Magic Square

In a 'magic square', each row, column and diagonal add up to the same total. Some numbers are missing. What is the missing number at ?

10	30	26
38		
	?	

A. 13

B. 14

C. 15

D. 17

E. 18



Stuck on a problem?

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