## Section 1:

#1 "I had just stepped out of my house door and I fell into this contraption which pulled me down and I hit down at what felt like 10 000 kilometers per hour." Strengths:

- Vivid description of the falling sensation
- Good use of first-person perspective to engage readers

Weakness: Run-on sentences  $\rightarrow$  Your writing contains multiple ideas joined by "and" which makes it hard to follow. The description of falling needs shorter, punchier sentences to create tension.

I stepped out of my house and suddenly plummeted downwards. The mysterious contraption yanked me deeper into darkness, my stomach lurching as I plunged at what felt like 10,000 kilometres per hour.

#2 "When I stared into it I saw animals as big as an elephant swimming around at the average speed of fish." Strengths:

- Creative comparison using familiar objects
- Good attempt at describing movement

Weakness: Vague descriptions  $\rightarrow$  Your comparison "average speed of fish" is unclear. Which fish? How fast? Your writing needs more specific details about these magical creatures.

As I peered into the depths, enormous creatures the size of elephants glided gracefully through the purple-blue waters, their massive forms moving as swiftly as darting salmon.

#3 "I placed this as a cherished memory gem in my memory chest and had one last glance around and went back home through the door." Strengths:

- Nice metaphor of memory as a gem
- Good attempt at a conclusion

Weakness: Rushed ending  $\rightarrow$  Your ending feels hurried. You haven't fully explored your feelings about leaving this magical place or explained why you chose to leave.

I carefully tucked this extraordinary experience away like a precious gem in my memory chest. With my heart torn between staying and leaving, I took one final, lingering look at this enchanted realm before stepping through the door towards home.

■ Your diary entry shows wonderful imagination in creating a magical forest setting. However, you need to slow down and really describe your feelings and reactions to each magical element you encounter. Try using more sensory details - what did the whispering trees sound like? What emotions did the dancing flowers stir in you? Make your writing longer by adding these rich details that help readers feel like they're there with you in this magical place.

Rewrite the paragraph about the whispering trees and dancing flowers, focusing on including specific sounds, movements, and your emotional reactions to these magical elements.

**Score: 40/50** 

## Section 2:

#1 I had just stepped out of my house door and I fell into this contraption which pulled me down and I hit down at what felt like 10 000 kilometers per hour. [I had just stepped out of my house when I fell into a strange contraption. It pulled me downward, and I plummeted at what felt like 10,000 kilometres per hour.]

I think I had been unconscious because the rope that had been pulling me down was no longer there. When I stood up the first thing I saw was a pond that was purple and blue and was surrounded by lush green grass. All I could smell was fresh air. This place felt like it was tranquil. I thought this was a forest but that it wasn't one at the same time.

#2 When I stared into it I saw animals as big as an elephant swimming around at the average speed of fish. [When I stared into the pond, I saw creatures as massive as elephants swimming gracefully through the waters.] I heard some rustling so I looked at the bush that was rustling and put my hand in and felt some thing but there was nothing. All of this was driving me up the wall. After some time I thought of what all of this was so I pinched myself because I thought it was a dream but it wasn't. Now I was really scared but I was also really anxious at the same time.

I wanted to go for a walk just to see how this forest type place was. As I walked around the trees moved away giving me a way. This was just crazy! These trees were supernatural! Also these trees were supernatural because they actually whispered or else trees usually just rustle and people say that they are whispering. Alongside the trees the flowers were dancing as if they were in a disco party. Everything here was lively.

As I explored more into the forest I tripped over a twig and stumbled upon a glen. This was different to the rest of this somewhat enchanting place. I walked through the glen and as I was walking I saw something glowing out of the corner of my eye. I looked at it and went closer to it.

It was a bioluminescent mushroom. I touched it and I felt unconscious. When I woke up I had forgotten all about the mushroom and why I had fallen unconscious but luckily there was a rock that told me all about the mushroom and that it was the reason I fell unconscious.

#3 As I continued I saw a door which said "This is your way home." I didn't get it because I had fallen in on the other side of this place and how was this my exit? So I opened the door and I saw my house. I wasn't sure if I should stay here or not because this was such a nice place that every thing was enchanted but then I also had to go home. I placed this as a cherished memory gem in my memory chest and had one last glance around and went back home through the door. [I stood hesitating at the threshold, torn between staying in this enchanted realm and returning home. Finally, I tucked this magical experience away like a cherished gem in my memory chest, took one last lingering look around, and stepped through the door towards home.]