

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths: You've created a vivid metaphorical opening that captures attention with dramatic imagery. Your use of specific scientific details (Resiniferatoxin) adds an interesting touch. Weakness: Metaphor cohesion → The metaphor about torture and lava doesn't clearly connect to the main message about determination. The opening imagery feels disconnected from the actual experience described later. Consider phrases like "the greatest gift" and "endless torture" which don't fully align with the selective exam preparation theme. Exemplar: *Dear Diary, Today I discovered something transformative—the power of genuine determination. Like a guiding light piercing through clouds of doubt, this revelation has shown me that with proper dedication, I can overcome the challenge of the selective exam that once seemed insurmountable.*

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths: Your description of the natural setting creates a pleasant atmosphere and effectively establishes the setting for your moment of realisation. The dialogue with your mother feels authentic. Weakness: Transition clarity → The shift from describing nature to the conversation about school selection happens abruptly. Phrases like "The happiness that derived from the nature has switched on my determination" need clearer connection. The link between the peaceful setting and your sudden determination isn't fully developed. Exemplar: *As I gazed at the trees standing in the dim moonlight, a sense of possibility washed over me. Perhaps it was this tranquil scene that cleared my mind enough to see what truly mattered—my future education required not just hope, but action. "I will put in a higher school and work harder to get in it!" I declared with newfound conviction.*

#3 (Third paragraph): Strengths: Your determination comes through strongly with powerful statements about working hard. The metaphor comparing life to a quiz shows thoughtful reflection. Weakness: Concrete detail → The paragraph relies on general statements about working hard without specific actionable plans. Phrases like "work hard every day harder and harder" and "sweat until there is no more perspiration" are dramatic but don't convey what specific actions you'll take to prepare for the exam. Exemplar: *I've created a study schedule that builds in difficulty each week. I'll master three new mathematical concepts daily, improve my vocabulary by twenty words weekly, and complete one practice exam every weekend. Each question I solve brings me one step closer to my goal—turning determination into results.*

■ Your diary entry shows excellent enthusiasm and captures the emotional impact of your decision to work hard for the selective exam. However, you could strengthen your writing by ensuring all parts connect cohesively to your main theme. The metaphor in your opening paragraph about torture and lava feels disconnected from the actual experience you describe. Additionally, try to include more specific details about your study plans rather than general statements about working hard. Your piece would benefit from clearer transitions between ideas, especially when connecting your observations of nature to your decision about school selection. Consider adding a reflection on how this newfound determination might change other aspects of your life beyond just the exam. Also, varying your sentence structure would make your writing more engaging, as some sentences follow similar patterns.

Score: 43/50

Section 2:

Dear Diary,

Today I learned the biggest lesson of my life. The greatest gift a man can ever receive. I would have ended up in endless torture where a monster ~~rip~~ [rips] ~~by~~ [my] body, throw me in a lake of lava and worse. Agony in the air and bubbles of ~~lave~~ [lava] popping right in front of me. The temperature is burning even for Resiniferatoxin(one of the most ~~hottest~~ [hot] chemicals). However, thanks to this one gift I ~~receive from~~ [received from] the skies above I will now be saved from all of that torture and will be able to rest in a state of relaxation. #1

I was sitting in my mum's car. My mum and I were having a conversation while I was gazing at the amazing view of the trees standing in the dim moonlight. Birds were figuring out what to do on their wooden houses. The nature was so unaffected by mankind and so graceful. I think it was that which made me happier. My mum and I were discussing about the selective exam(again) when she asked me if we should put in Fort Street High School or Sydney Technical High School. She was wondering about risking her last spot for a relatively high school or a lower one. I knew I had a low chance of getting in but I was determined. The happiness that ~~derived~~ [derived] from the nature has switched on my determination to get into a Selective School. "I will put in a higher

school and work harder to get in it!" I yelled with pride. It was at that moment that my mum was filled with joy. She got a response that she will have not expected in a million years. Me actually being determined to work hard. I was also kind of happy that I have made this decision. Now I knew that anything can be ~~acheived~~ [achieved] with hard work. It is the pathway to success. No matter how good your coach is, you can't be good without toil. #2

I plan to work hard every day harder and harder. I will sweat until there is no more ~~prespiration~~ [perspiration] to soak out left. I will try to understand just one more question. Just get one more right. Value each and every ~~one~~ question. I found a new form of joy. A new part of my heart has met ~~it's~~ [its] desire. Life is like a quiz. You figure things out on the way and solve each problem you have in life. #3

I feel so grateful that I have made this decision. I am overjoyed that I have found that determination and toil is key before my Selective Exam. I have found the information I need to overpower the Selective exam. "If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you" once said Zig Ziglar. Just like that, the Selective Exam won't stop me from my success. I WILL become successful in getting into a Selective school.