Year 13 Writing Task for the exam : 3 hours

You will have these topics on Friday before exam week.

It is advisable that you should think about and generate some ideas on this before you come to the exam.

They are loosely linked to the literature you have studied (*Life of Pi)*  but are not meant to be literature response essays.

In the exam you will **not** bring in any material with you.

You will be writing this in your portfolio books.

During the three hour exam you will brainstorm and draft a completed essay of 600 words. The process may involve writing some rough drafts of sections and working on these but in the end you will be required to present a full essay.

The essay must:

develop, sustain and structure ideas

show evidence of skill in language use (crafting and use of language techniques for deliberate effect)

be as accurate and grammatically correct as you can make it.

All the writing must be in the Portfolio book which you will hand in at the end of the exam

**TOPICS for 13MCC :** Choose **ONE**

1. A creative/narrative essay

An Unexpected Journey / Loneliness

Use either of these titles and create a story around a central character who has experienced these things and perhaps comes to learn something.

2. A first line from the novel; continue the writing from that point

“You must take life the way it comes at you and make the best of it.”

(Write either a creative essay with this as a first line or use it as a first line in a discursive discussion/blog type piece)

3. A narrative piece, from the point of view of one of the characters in the text, responding to an event.

A Diary entry from Pi after the visit from the Japanese officials – it could cover some thoughts on their reaction to his story; some thinking about Richard Parker ; ideas about food or anything that you think would be likely as part of his thinking after their visit.

4. An opinion piece on an issue arising from the text. Use one of the following:

 i) Freedom is an overrated concept OR Freedom is an illusion

ii) “We believe what we see” The Japanese official says this to Pi who answers : “What do you do in the dark?”

Write a philosophical essay on the question of reality and/or perception OR

on the question of belief – what man believes and why..

iii) “Men go to far greater lengths to avoid what they fear than to obtain what they desire.”

Discuss your thinking on this statement – you can link it to the novel or simply discuss the ideas in terms of your own understanding and experiences

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I am always looking outside myself for strength and confidence, but it comes

from within. It is there all the time. –Anna Freud

When a man wants to murder a tiger, he calls it sport;  
when the tiger wants to murder him, he calls it ferocity..

What makes life meaningful?

The most dangerous animal in the zoo is MAN

Despite cultural differences, all peoples are the same.

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