End Stage 4 English student work sample – Grade C

My name is Ann. I'm nineteen years old and I hate my life. You see, my family is really poor and they can't afford to keep me anymore. My mum wants me to go work as a peasant but my dream is to be a writer. I don't care what I write but I just love writing.

Well, I don't mean to be rude but I best tell you a little about me. As you already know, I'm 19 years old, I have light brown hair, blue eyes, and a face full of freckles. I have 6 brothers and 7 sisters. I live in outback Australia. We were barren and dry. We've been in drought for 3 years now. We own a small farm. It's not big enough to bring up 14 kids, though. Mum and Dad have already got rid of 3 of my sisters and 2 brothers. But any bay back to mom about my job.

She's found me this job being a peasant cleaner for this rich family. But as far as I'm concerned, it's the worst job ever. I don't like the family. They're rude and obnoxious and don't care about anybody but themselves. She forced me to go over there last week to have a trial to see if I was right for the job. But do you know what the worst thing is? My family get the money while I'm slaving away. Totally not fair.

I suppose that they have a big nice house and I will be away from all my other brothers and sisters but NO! What can I think of it's not that bad, is it? I've made up my mind for once and for all. I'm running away. And no one's gonna stop me!

Grade Commentary

Indra has demonstrated a sound understanding of some characteristics of an introduction to a short story. A description of the setting has been provided and the character has been established. A sound understanding of the context has been demonstrated, but the narrative voice has not been sustained and the vocabulary is simplistic and clichéd.

Indra's response demonstrates characteristics of work typically produced by a student performing at grade C standard at the end of Stage 4.