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Paper 1: Reading and Writing Overview

How long is the paper?

You are given 1 hour and 30 minutes to complete this paper.

How many parts are there?

There are eight parts in total: five reading parts and three writing parts.

How long is each part?

You decide how long to spend on each part.

However, you should consider carefully how many marks there are for each part (see below).

What kinds of texts will I read?

The paper contains a range of types of text.

There are short information-based texts in Parts 1 and 2.

There are longer texts from brochures, magazines, books, etc. in Parts 3 and 4.

There is a medium-sized text from a website, encyclopaedia, etc. in Part 5.

What kind of questions are there?

The paper contains a range of question types.

There are multiple-choice questions in Parts 1, 4 and 5.

There are matching questions in Part 2.

There are correct/incorrect sentences in Part 3.

What will I have to write?

For the five reading parts, you mark your answer.

For Writing Part 1, you write a word or short phrase.

For Writing Part 2, you write a message of 35–45 words.

For Writing Part 3, you write either a letter or a story, about 100 words long.

Where do I have to write my answers?

You write all your answers on a separate answer sheet, by shading lozenges (Reading) or writing answers (Writing).

How is the paper marked?

Each correct answer to a question in the five reading parts gets one mark.

This gives you a possible total of 35 marks.

Your total mark in reading represents 25 percent of your overall exam score.

In the writing section, each correct answer to a question in Writing Part 1 gets one mark.

Writing Part 2 is marked out of 5 marks.

Writing Part 3 is marked out of 15 marks.

This gives you a total possible mark of 25.

Your total mark in writing represents 25 percent of your overall exam score.

Remember that the reading and the writing are worth the same number of marks as each other in your total exam score.

Reading Part 1: Guidance

1 Read the instructions on page 8.

- 1 How many questions do you have to answer?
- 2 What do you have to decide?
- 3 Where do you put your answers?

2 Look at the example.

- 1 What kind of text is this?
A a notice B an email C a note
- 2 Where might you see it?
- 3 The correct answer is A. Let's decide why.
'Charlie will get paid back by Vera for the dry cleaning later today.'
In the text, underline the words which mean the same as:
'get paid back'
'later today.'
- 4 Why is B wrong? Who will take what to the dry cleaner's?
- 5 Why is C wrong? What does Vera have at the dry cleaner's? What does Charlie have at the dry cleaner's?

3 Look at Question 1.

- 1 What kind of text is this?
A a sign B a note C a label
- 2 Where might you see it?
- 3 What might you do *before* you see it?
- 4 Underline the words in A, B or C which have the same meaning as 'while your books are checked'.

4 Look at Question 2.

- 1 What kind of text is this?
A an email
B a telephone message
C a postcard
- 2 When might you receive this kind of text?
- 3 Underline the words in the text which you think have a positive effect.
- 4 Underline the words in the text which you think have a negative effect.
- 5 Does the word 'disadvantage' in the question relate to positive or negative things?

5 Look at Question 3.

- 1 What kind of text is this?
A a note B a phone text C an email
- 2 How do you think Sandra, Betty and Paula are connected to each other?
- 3 Which of the sentences in the text relates to what Sandra needs to do?
A 'Paula's emailed twice about the guest list for the party.'
B 'Could you send it to her as soon as you can?'
- 4 What does 'it' refer to? 'Could you send *it* to her as soon as you can?'

6 Look at Question 4.

- 1 What kind of text is this?
A a sign B a postcard C a note
- 2 Where might you see it?
- 3 Look at A. What do you usually get in a canteen? Does the text say that you can get an ID card in the canteen?
- 4 Look at B. It is correct. Why?
- 5 C is wrong. What does the text say about staff?

7 Look at Question 5.

- 1 What kind of text is this?
A an email B a phone text C a label
- 2 When is the training usually?
- 3 Who booked training for 2 p.m. this week?
- 4 Who are we going to train with?
- 5 What time are we going to train?

Part 1

Questions 1–5

Look at the text in each question. What does it say?
Mark the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C** on your answer sheet.

Example:

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Charlie,
Please can you pick up my coat from the dry
cleaner's when you collect your suit? I'll give
you the money this afternoon, if that's OK.
Thanks a lot!
Vera

What will Charlie do?

- A** Get paid back by Vera for the dry cleaning later today.
- B** Take his clothes to the dry cleaner's.
- C** Fetch Vera's suit from the dry cleaner's.

Answer:

0	A	B	C
	☒	☐	☐

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RIVER SCHOOL LIBRARY
Wait in this area while
your books are checked.
Thank you

- A** You must tell us if you leave books here for checking.
- B** Check that you have all your books before leaving the library.
- C** Do not leave here until we have checked your books.

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Countryside here's OK.
Mountains higher than
we expected. Very
limited wildlife, though
the other people in
the group are fun and
we have easy transport.
Deshini

☐

In Deshini's opinion, what is the countryside's disadvantage?

- A** The transport.
- B** The animals.
- C** The mountains.

To: Sandra

From: Betty

Paula's emailed twice about the guest list for the party. Could you send it to her as soon as you can?

What does Sandra need to do?

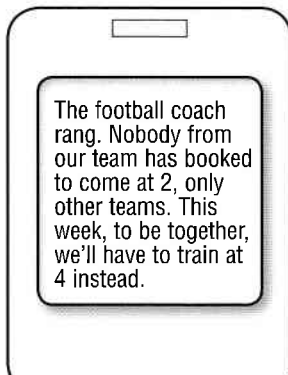
- A Let Paula know who's going to the party.
- B Send a party invitation to Paula.
- C Ask Paula who should be invited to the party.

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SOUTHWOOD COLLEGE CANTEEN
Staff and students cannot use the canteen without ID cards.

- A Students can get their ID cards in the canteen.
- B Staff must bring their ID cards if they want to use the canteen.
- C Students need to show staff their ID cards.

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- A We need to change the training time because it's full at 2 p.m. this week.
- B We may have to train with a different team this week.
- C We must go training at a later time this week.

• • **Exam tip!** • • • • •
• Read the text first and think about what kind of
• text it is. Read all three options before choosing
• your answer.
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