

SECTION B: Transactional Writing

Answer ONE question. You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.

Write your answer in the space provided.

EITHER

***8**

Some people believe that circuses with animals should be banned.

Write a letter to your local newspaper giving your views.

In your letter you could:

- Give your views on circuses and the use of animals within them
- Consider the living conditions of these animals
- Include alternative forms of entertainment

As well as any other ideas you might have.

Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

(Total for question 8 = 40 marks)

OR

***9**

Write the text for a speech you will give to your peers giving essential advice on being healthy.

In your speech you could:

- Consider what you think being healthy means
- Consider what the advantages and disadvantages of being healthy are
- Suggest things that people can do to keep themselves healthy and why these may be useful

As well as any other ideas you might have.

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(Total for question 9 = 40 marks)

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A local hotel/restaurant is advertising for part-time staff. You decide to apply.

Write a letter of application.

In your letter you could include:

- What the employer would want to know about you
- How you can 'sell yourself' as an employee
- What you would bring to the role

As well as any other ideas you might have.

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OR

***9**

A teenage magazine has invited readers to write a lively article about a well-known person they admire or dislike. You have decided to send in a contribution.

In your article you could include:

- What they have done to be inspiring/disliked
- What effect this has had upon a teenage audience
- How you could become a good influence on others

As well as any other ideas you might have.

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Write a review of a book, film or piece of music for a magazine which is read by people of your age.

In your review you could include:

- Key features of the piece of literature/film/music
- Why it is successful/unsuccessful in what it is trying to achieve
- If you would recommend it and why

As well as any other ideas you might have.

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***9**

Imagine you have a friend or relative who is considering going to live abroad. Write a letter giving your opinions.

In your letter you could include:

- The potential opportunities that may arise for them
- The potential dangers that they may come across
- How you feel about them moving away

As well as any other ideas you might have.

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Your school or college is running a campaign during its 'Healthy Earing' week to persuade students to buy and eat more fruit. It has asked you to produce a leaflet that will be given out in the dining hall.

In your leaflet you could include:

- The advantages of being healthy
- The disadvantages of not being healthy
- Suggest things that people can do to keep themselves healthy and why these may be useful

As well as any other ideas you might have.

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A local school has decided girls to play in football and cricket teams alongside boys.

Write a letter to the Head Teacher either agreeing or disagreeing with this decision.

In your letter you could include:

- The advantages/disadvantages of mixed sex team sports
- The safety of students concerned
- Your own opinion on the issue

As well as any other ideas you might have.

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A local businessman has applied for permission to hold an outdoor music festival in your area. Write a letter to your local newspaper either supporting or opposing this idea.

In your letter you could include:

- The impact on the local economy/employment
- The impact on local residents
- How you feel about the event

As well as any other ideas you might have.

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***9**

You have to give a speech to your class with the title 'Mobile phones: a blessing or a curse?' Write what you would say.

In your speech you could include:

- The advantages/disadvantages of owning a mobile phone
- The importance of technology in today's society
- The impacts of technology on health

As well as any other ideas you might have.

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Your local council wants to encourage re-cycling and to reduce waste. They have suggested:

- Separating re-cyclable waste from rubbish;
- Charging to collect rubbish;
- Fining people who don't re-cycle;
- Only collecting rubbish every two weeks instead of every week.

Write a letter to your local council giving your opinion on some or all of these suggestions, as well as any other ideas you might have.

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Some of the largest cities in Britain are proposing a congestion charge on drivers to encourage people to use public transport. This would mean drivers would have to pay every time they went into the city centre.

Write a letter to your local newspaper giving your views on this proposal.

In your letter you could include:

- The advantages/disadvantages of the congestion charge
- The environmental impacts of the use of public transport
- The impact on the local economy

As well as any other ideas you might have.

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