

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH

Writing

Sample Test

Candidate Name _____

Centre Number _____

Candidate Number _____

TIME: 1 hour 20 minutes plus your additional time allowance

SUITABLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces on the first page and on the separate answer sheet if used.

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer the Part 1 question and one question from Part 2.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on this question paper or on a separate answer sheet.

Write clearly. You may make alterations, but make sure your work is easy to read.

At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and separate answer sheet (if used).

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question in this paper carries equal marks.

DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

PART 1

You MUST answer this question. Write your answer in 140 – 190 words in an appropriate style on pages 5 and 6 (or on a separate answer sheet).

1 In your English class you have been talking about the environment. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Read the following essay title and notes.

ESSAY TITLE

Every country in the world has problems with pollution and damage to the environment. Do you think these problems can be solved?

NOTES

Write about:

- 1. transport**
- 2. rivers and seas**
- 3. _____ (your own idea)**

Write your essay using ALL the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

QUESTION 1

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PART 2

Write an answer to ONE of the questions 2 – 4 in this part. Write your answer in 140 – 190 words in an appropriate style on pages 10 – 11 or on your separate answer sheet. Put the question number at the top of page 10 or on your answer sheet.

2 You see this announcement in your college English-language magazine.

BOOK REVIEWS WANTED

Have you read a book in which the main character behaved in a surprising way? Write us a review of the book, explaining what the main character did and why it was surprising. Tell us whether or not you would recommend this book to other people.

The best reviews will be published in the magazine.

Write your REVIEW.

3 You see this announcement on an English-language website.

ARTICLES WANTED

‘The most useful thing I have ever learned’

What is the most useful thing you have learned?

Who did you learn it from? Why is it useful?

Write us an article answering these questions.

We will publish the best articles on our website.

Write your ARTICLE.

4 You have received this email from your English-speaking friend David.

FROM: David

SUBJECT: touring holiday

Some college friends of mine are visiting your area soon for a week's touring holiday. They would like to travel around and learn about your local area and its history.

Can you tell me about some of the places they could visit? What's the best way to travel around – car, bike or coach?

**Thanks,
David**

Write your EMAIL.

PART 2

QUESTION _____

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