

PAPER 2 WRITING (1 hour 20 minutes)

Part 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **120–150** words in an appropriate style.

- 1 Your English friend Bill is a travel writer. He has written a chapter for a guidebook about a town you know well and you have just read it. Read Bill's letter and your notes. Then write a letter to Bill using **all** your notes.

Thanks for agreeing to check the chapter that I've written. Could you let me know what you liked about it? Also, if any of the information is inaccurate, please give me the correct information! And do you think there's anything else I should include?

Once again, thanks a lot for reading the chapter.

Bill

Notes for letter to Bill

- Tell Bill what I liked about his chapter – places to visit, ...
- Give Bill correct information about
 - parking in city centre
 - museum opening times
- Suggest Bill includes information about nightlife – give him details

Write your **letter**. You must use grammatically correct sentences with accurate spelling and punctuation in a style appropriate for the situation.

Do not write any postal addresses.

Part 2

Write an answer to **one** of the questions **2–5** in this part. Write your answer in **120–180** words in an appropriate style.

- 2 You recently saw this notice in an English language computer magazine.

Reviews needed!

Do you play computer games? Write us a review of a computer game that you enjoy. Describe the game's good and bad points and say how easy or difficult it is to play. Also say what age group it is suitable for.

A free game for the best review!

Write your **review**.

- 3 Your teacher has asked you to write a story for the college English language magazine. The story must **begin** with the following words:

It was only a small mistake but it changed my life for ever.

Write your **story**.

- 4 You have seen the following notice in an international magazine.

COMPETITION

Is it better to live in a flat, a modern house or an old house?

Write us an article giving your opinions.

The best article will be published and the writer will receive £500.

Write your **article**.

- 5 Answer **one** of the following two questions based on **one** of the titles below.

- (a) *Officially Dead* by Richard Prescott

This is part of a letter from your friend Matthew.

In the book 'Officially Dead', Colin Fenton doesn't behave very well, does he? Do you have any sympathy for him or not?

Write and tell me what you think. Matthew

Write your **letter** to Matthew. Do not write any postal addresses.

- (b) *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Your English teacher has given you this essay for homework.

Compare the characters of Mr and Mrs Bennett and say whether you think they have a good marriage or not.

Write your **essay**.

PAPER 3 USE OF ENGLISH (45 minutes)

Part 1

For questions 1–12, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Example:

0 A joined B held C were D took

0	A	B	C	D
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Thomas Edison

On the night of 21 October 1931, millions of Americans (0) part in a coast-to-coast ceremony to commemorate the passing of a great man. Lights (1) in homes and offices from New York to California. The ceremony (2) the death of arguably the most important inventor of (3) time: Thomas Alva Edison.

Few inventors have (4) such an impact on everyday life, and many of his inventions played a crucial (5) in the development of modern technology. One should never (6) how revolutionary some of Edison's inventions were.

In many ways, Edison is the perfect example of an inventor – that is, not just someone who (7) up clever gadgets, but someone whose products transform the lives of millions. He possessed the key characteristics that an inventor needs to (8) a success of inventions, notably sheer determination. Edison famously tried thousands of materials while working on a new type of battery, reacting to failure by cheerfully (9) to his colleagues: 'Well, (10) we know 8,000 things that don't work.' Knowing when to take no (11) of experts is also important. Edison's proposal for electric lighting circuitry was (12) with total disbelief by eminent scientists, until he lit up whole streets with his lights.

Paper 3 Use of English

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|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 A turned out | B came off | C went out | D put off |
| 2 A marked | B distinguished | C noted | D indicated |
| 3 A whole | B full | C entire | D all |
| 4 A put | B had | C served | D set |
| 5 A effect | B place | C role | D share |
| 6 A underestimate | B lower | C decrease | D mislead |
| 7 A creates | B shapes | C dreams | D forms |
| 8 A gain | B make | C achieve | D get |
| 9 A announcing | B informing | C instructing | D notifying |
| 10 A by far | B at least | C even though | D for all |
| 11 A notice | B regard | C attention | D view |
| 12 A gathered | B caught | C drawn | D received |

Test 1

Part 2

For questions 13–24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 A F T E R

Vancouver

Vancouver in western Canada is named (0) *after* Captain George Vancouver of the British Royal Navy. However, Captain Vancouver was not the first European (13) visit the area – the coast (14) already been explored by the Spanish. Nor did Captain Vancouver spend many days there, even (15) the scenery amazed him and everyone else (16) was travelling with him.

The scenery still amazes visitors to (17) city of Vancouver today. First-time visitors who are (18) search of breathtaking views are usually directed to a beach about ten minutes (19) the city centre. There, looking out over the sailing boats racing across the blue water, visitors see Vancouver's towering skyline backed by the magnificent Coast Mountains.

The city is regularly picked by international travel associations (20) one of the world's best tourist destinations. They are only confirming what the two million residents and eight million tourists visiting Greater Vancouver (21) single year are always saying: there is simply (22) other place on earth quite (23) it. It's not just the gorgeous setting that appeals to people, (24) also Vancouver's wide range of sporting, cultural and entertainment facilities.

Part 3

For questions **25–34**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

[illegible]

A job with risks

Have you ever got really caught up in the excitement and emotion of a good action film, and wondered in (0) amazement how film stars manage to perform (25) acts like jumping off buildings or driving at great speed? Of course, it is only a momentary feeling as it is no secret that the real (26) are almost invariably stunt men or women, who can earn a very good (27) by standing in for the stars when necessary. The work is (28) demanding, and before qualifying for this job they have to undergo a rigorous training programme and (29) their ability in a number of sports including skiing, riding and gymnastics.

Naturally, the (30) of the stunt performer is of the utmost importance. Much depends on the performer getting the timing exactly right so everything is planned down to the (31) detail. In a scene which involves a complicated series of actions, there is no time for (32) mistakes. A stunt man or woman often has only one chance of getting things right, (33) film stars, who can, if necessary, film a scene (34) until it gains the director's approval.

AMAZE

DANGER

PERFORM

LIVE

INCREDIBLE

PROOF

SAFE

TINY

CARE

LIKE

REPEAT