

FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH FOR SCHOOLS

Writing

Sample Test



Additional materials:

Answer paper (unless answers are transcribed in this booklet – see below)
Separate booklet with question 5 (for set text)

PRINT VERSION OF BRAILLE PAPER

Candidate Name

Centre Number

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Candidate Number

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TIME 1 hour 20 minutes plus your additional time allowance

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Check your name, centre number and candidate number are on each sheet of answer paper used.

Answer the Part 1 Question and one question from Part 2. You will find Question 5 in the separate booklet.

Write your answers on your answer sheet, together with the number of each question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question in this paper carries equal marks.

SPECIAL NOTE TO SUPERVISORS

Please refer to the Cambridge English Handbook for Centres for ways in which blind candidates may write their answers.

If you are transcribing the candidate's answers from Braille, please write the transcribed answers on Pages 3 – 4 and 6 – 7 of this booklet. Please return this booklet as the candidate's answer sheet.

[Note for brailling: omit pages 3 – 4 and 6 – 8]

Part 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140 – 190** words in an appropriate style on your answer sheet.

- 1** In your English class you have been talking about education. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay for homework.

Read the following essay title and notes.

Essay title:

Some parents teach their children at home rather than sending them to school. Is this a good or a bad thing for the children?

Notes:

Write about:

1. having a parent as a teacher
2. making friends
3. (your own idea)

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

Question 1

Part 2

Write an answer to **one** of the questions **2 – 5** in this part. Note that question **5** is in the separate booklet. Write your answer in **140 – 190** words in an appropriate style on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

- 2** You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend.

Can you help me with a class project? I have to write about places which are special to people. Can you tell me about a place that is special to you? Where is it? What is it like? It doesn't have to be a famous place. Just explain why it's important to you.

Write soon, Sam

Write your **letter**.

- 3** You read this advert in an international fashion magazine:

Reviews Wanted**Teenage Clothes Shop**

We are looking for reviews of a clothes shop for teenagers where you live. Your review should include general information about the shop, the kind of clothes it sells and the shop assistants. Would you recommend this shop to other people your age?

The best reviews will be published in next month's magazine.

Write your **review**.

- 4** You read this announcement in a new English-language magazine for young people.

Stories wanted

We are looking for stories for our new English-language magazine for young people. Your story must **begin** with this sentence:

'Tom got off the train and as the train left, he realised he was holding the wrong suitcase.'

Your story must include:

- an address
- a surprise

Write your **story**.

You will find question 5 in the separate booklet.

Question	
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