

**FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH
for Schools**

Writing

Sample Test

Additional materials:

Separate booklet with question 5 (for set text)

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.

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 this question paper, the separate booklet, 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 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.

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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 pages 10 and 11 or on your separate answer sheet. Put the question number at the top of page 10 or on your answer sheet.

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 does it look 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 see 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 information about what the shop looks like, 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 have seen 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.

PART 2

QUESTION _____

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