

# GCSE (9-1) English Language



## EXEMPLAR SCRIPT

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Paper 2: Non-Fiction and Transactional Writing

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# Introduction

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This pack has been produced in response to teachers delivering the specification who wish to see a whole script achieving Band 3 marks.

The pack contains an exemplar student response to GCSE English Language Paper 2 (Section A – Non-Fiction Reading and Section B – Transactional Writing). It shows a real student response to Specimen paper 2 - set 2.

The student achieves marks in Band 3 for the majority of questions and scores 49 marks in total.

Section A questions address four Reading Assessment Objectives: AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4.

	<b>Reading – 50%</b>
<b>AO1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas</li> <li>Select and synthesise evidence from different texts</li> </ul>
<b>AO2</b>	Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support their views
<b>AO3</b>	Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts
<b>AO4</b>	Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references

Section B questions address two writing Assessment Objectives: AO5 and AO6.

	<b>Writing – 50%</b>
<b>AO5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.</li> <li>Organise information and ideas, using structural and grammatical features to support coherence and cohesion of texts.</li> </ul>
<b>AO6</b>	Candidates must use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.

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<h1>English Language</h1> <h2>Paper 2: Non-fiction and Transactional Writing</h2>							
Specimen Papers (Set 2) for first teaching September 2015 <b>Time: 2 hours</b>						Paper Reference <b>1EN0/02</b>	
<b>You must have:</b> Reading Text Insert						Total Marks	

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions in Section A and **ONE** in Section B.
- You should spend about 1 hour and 15 minutes on Section A.
- You should spend about 45 minutes on Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 96.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk (\*)** are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A - Reading

Read Text 1. Then answer Questions 1-3.

You should spend about 1 hour 15 minutes on the WHOLE of Section A (Questions 1-7).

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 From lines 11-16, identify **two** items the writer tells his wife not to send until he asks for them.

1 Cigarettes

2 Rizivili Boril

(Total for Question 1 = 2 marks)

- 2 Give **one** example from lines 22-28 of how the writer uses language to show his feelings for his new wife.

Example from the text:

(1)

"and she's the little girl who said"

How the writer uses language:

(1)

He remembered little things she said to him long time ago. Shows he loves & cares about her.

(Total for Question 2 = 2 marks)

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3 Analyse how the writer uses language and structure to interest and engage the reader.

Support your views with detailed reference to the text.

(15)

The writer used rhetorical questions like "and it all helps us, dear, doesn't it?" He is talking to his wife however the rhetorical questions engage the readers, also they allow us to see how they communicate to each other, giving us an idea of how they might act when they are together. This makes the reader more enthusiastic and more willing to read the text.

Another way the writer uses language and structure to engage the reader is by starting every sentence in different ways. For example, starting the sentence with a connective makes the text seem more interesting to the reader making him/her want to continue reading. "Although all day and night on Monday..." The ~~connective~~ connective although adds effect and interest to the story.

Lastly the writer varies his punctuation for effect. He uses a lot of question marks, dashes and exclamation marks to emphasise his point, add more information or opinions and adds rhetorical questions. The punctuation variety makes it clear for the reader to see any emphasised points.



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Read Text 2. Then answer Questions 4–7.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

4 From lines 17–22, identify how cooking for 'one and a half people' has improved.

It has become "quick and delightful with minimal preparation and washing-up".

(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

5 Cheap, processed ready meals and a lack of fruit and vegetables led to poor sleep patterns and a constantly hungry child, and for the first time in my life my skin broke out in big angry spots.

In this example, from lines 5–7, how does the writer use language to show how eating processed food made her feel?

The writer uses complex sentences to show the mixed feelings of the character.

(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

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6 In this extract, the writer tries to show how others are affected by her experience.

Evaluate how successfully this is achieved.

Support your views with detailed reference to the text.

(15)

In my opinion, the writer made it very clear for the reader to understand the impact of Jack's experience on others by explaining how her and her son were before and how her and her son are now "Small Boy and I are healthier, happier and still soft around the edges". The words healthier and happier shows that her experience had a positive impact on her and her son, now they are better where as before they seemed to be really sad and not well. By using an anecdote and by explaining her situation before and explaining the changes it had on her son after, the writer did explain well how her experience affected others.

Not only did the writer decide to show the impact on her son but she also wrote about the impact on her friends. "they manage to clear their plates with compliments and smiles and disbelieved that I do it so cheaply" This is affective because she used words like "compliments" and "smiles" that tell us her friends are affected in a positive way by her experience because they seem to really enjoy her food. Once again the <sup>writer's</sup> word choice shows that the affect her experience had on others.



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lastly the writer decides to show how her experience affected others by showing how strangers felt about her advice. "people emailed me to tell me how much money they were saving on their weekly shop". I think that this is a good way of showing the impact on others because it shows how Jack was able to improve some people's lives by teaching them what she has learned from her experience (by giving them advices).

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**Question 7 is about Text 1 and Text 2. Answer both parts of the question.  
Refer to both texts in your answers.**

**Write your answer in the space provided.**

7 (a) The two texts show people taking care of others.

What similarities do Bert and Jack share in these extracts?

Use evidence from both texts to support your answer.

(6)

One similarity in both texts is that they are able to help people around them; for example Bert's wife is able to take care of him by sending him weekly packets to keep him warm and make sure he has enough food.

~~"Bert's wife"~~ "You are a pet to send them" It shows Bert does appreciate his wife's concern. Also in Jack's text she cares about others so much that she shares her recipes and experiences to strangers to try help them as much as she can. "I started to document my recipes on my online blog" it shows she cares about others and she is willing to help.

Also, another similarity is that they keep a positive attitude even though they are going through rough situations to try help others. "she's the little girl who said" Bert is trying to cheer his wife up by reminding her old memories. "Things have to change" Jack is trying to change her life like for her son.

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(b) Compare how the writers of Text 1 and Text 2 present their ideas and perspectives about changes in their situations.

Support your answer with detailed references to the texts.

In Bert's text he is <sup>trying not to worry his wife & he is <sup>(14)</sup> keeping his calm</sup> ~~being~~ ~~having~~ ~~a~~ ~~positive~~ ~~attitude~~ even though he is in a very harsh environment. "you must not worry about me, my darling." He knows that it is stressful for his wife to not have him close so he is reassuring her he is safe; he is doing something to improve his and his wife's mental health by keeping a positive attitude. However Jack, ~~doesn't~~ at the beginning didn't seem to try make any changes even though she knew things had to change. "Something bad was going in, and nothing good was coming out of it".

Another difference is that Bert is in ~~as~~ the middle of a war, writing a letter to his wife "I am still in the trenches". However Jack has a home (even though it isn't a very good / pleasant one) and she was writing an article to try help people on low budgets. "I started <sup>to document my</sup> ~~documenting~~ my receipts on my online blog". Also, because one was written during world war I, they didn't have <sup>the</sup> technology Jack had when she wrote this so the time difference and lack of resources are two other differences.



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Bert talks about how much he loves his wife and he talks about the package she send him, however Jack is talking about her experience of being a mother with a low budget. "with a budget of \$10<sup>4</sup>" this shows Jack had a low cost income, and it tells us "

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## 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 Write a section for a text book to help people manage changes in their lives.

In your text, you could include:

- what type of changes you and others have to cope with
- how change can affect people
- the ways people can deal with change

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 Your local newspaper has published an article called 'Is it really more expensive to eat healthy food?'

Write a letter to the newspaper giving your views.

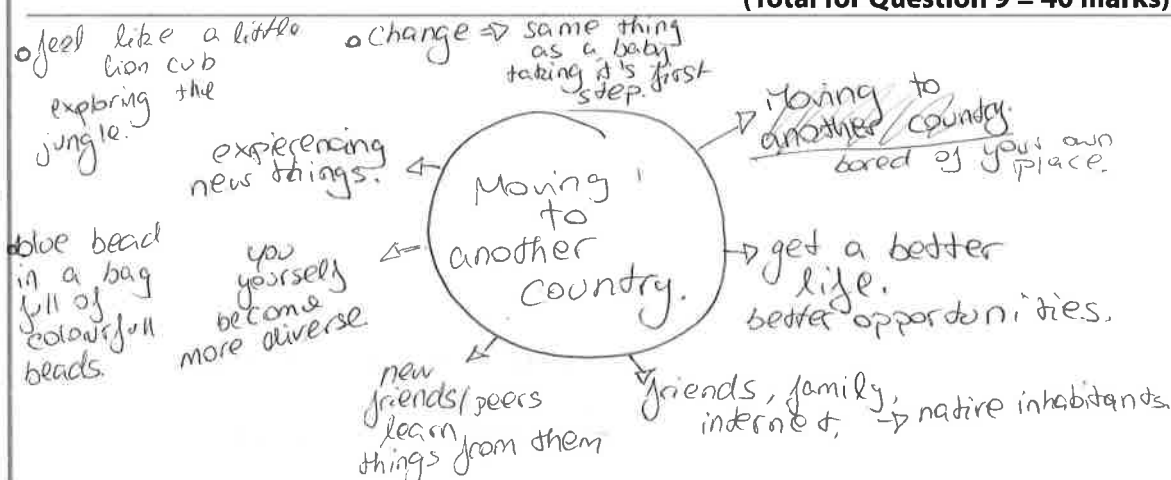
In your letter, you could include:

- your views on what food is considered healthy or unhealthy
- your views on the cost of unhealthy or 'junk' food
- things that people can do to eat healthily and save money

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 9 = 40 marks)



Another day waking up in the same old room, eating the same usual food, walking through the same streets; nothing different, nothing enthusiastic... nothing. Boredom strikes as you find yourself sitting on the same bed doing nothing. Looking at the once fresh and colorful walls you realise their colour has worn off, transforming them into 4 dull grey walls, much like prison walls. The pictures on the walls used to smile at you with bright colours now they are but old memories that once used to brighten up your day. The more you stay there the more sadness grows inside you; <sup>devouring slowly</sup> eating you from the inside. You slowly you remember the first time you moved in this city, everything was a new experience, an adventure, now... ~~no~~ now its just the same old dull city you have seen over and over and over again.

Life doesn't have to be that way anymore. You don't have to stay in the same place for the rest of your life! You are as free as a bird ~~and as much~~ There's nothing to stop you... <sup>nothing but</sup> ~~the road~~ yourself. Moving to another place is a huge change that will impact your life; however, you decide if it will have a positive impact or a negative one. Look at moving to another place as a baby, taking <sup>his</sup> it's first steps; the first one is the hardest step but once ~~he~~ got control over ~~the~~ his movements, within minutes he will be running free... enjoying as much of life as he can. My experience of moving to another country was incredible!, and here's why:

As hard as it may seem, moving to another country can ~~be~~ and will <sup>of which</sup> immediately offer you new experiences and opportunities (some ~~that~~ you might



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not of been able to have). New jobs, new attractions, a better lifestyle!  
 you cannot be sure of anything until you actually give it a  
 go. Life is full of surprises and everyone should ~~profit~~ see  
 that as a great thing and profit from it. Nothing is easy at  
 first but gradually you will adapt to it and start to love  
 it. ~~Moving~~ Moving to another country comes with great opportunities  
 like trying new ~~to~~ types of food or ~~visit~~ exploring new places  
 that ~~many~~ not many people get to go see. Become more  
 diverse, more ~~knowledgeable~~ understanding of other places  
 and countries. Explore new traditions!. By moving to another  
 country you can instantly become a happier person.

You might feel like a lost fish in a huge sea, which is  
 full of dangers. However, you are not alone in your journey.  
 All along your journey you will meet new people that are  
 willing to help. Friends are a great thing and moving  
 to another place will mean new friends, with which  
 you can share new experiences. Imagine your life  
 now. ~~Waking~~ Waking up to the bright sun entering your  
 room through the thin curtains <sup>shining on your bright colourfull walls,</sup>. Catching yourself  
 stare outside the window at ~~new~~ tall magnific buildings,  
 coddling through the pure clouds. You open the door  
 and see new but familiar faces, smiling at you as you  
 smile back and embrace them with a tight warm hug.  
 As you get ready to explore another new place you realise what  
 a great ~~change~~ <sup>thing</sup> you have done ~~to~~ with your life!  
 How do you like it now?.



### Marks and comments

Question	Mark	Comment
1	2	The question 2 response is a bit vague but the candidate is given the benefit of doubt.
2	2	
3	6	Question 3 has an explanation of structural devices - brief coverage of language.
4	1	
5	1	
6	9	Question 6 has informed judgement and comment on ideas and theme.
7a	5	Q7a has some detail in similarities.
7b	6	Q7b has some comparisons and starts to cover a range but it is not sustained.
8	AO4: 10 AO5: 7	Writing has some stylish techniques and does have some sense of purpose and audience, although not really textbook style as required by the question. Ideas are slightly developed and are connected. Spelling is accurate with varied vocabulary.
<b>Total: 49 marks</b>		