



GCSE (9-1) English Language

Paper 2: Non-fiction and Transactional Writing

Section A: Transactional Writing

Questions 8 & 9

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Exemplars – Responses

Question 8 - Script 1

SECTION B: Transactional Writing

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross . If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new question with a cross .

Chosen question number: Question 8 Question 9

Write your answer to Section B here:

~~When someone says to you~~ 'It's not the presents that matter, it's the memories associated with them'. When someone says to you, as a teenager, to name your most prized possession, I doubt you'd give me some answer as me. I imagine you might suggest your phone, a laptop, or a new makeup palette with every single shade you've ever need because 'you're worth it!' I suppose our parents would like us to say

I suppose our parents would hope for acknowledgement of a wonderfully thoughtful gift from Christmas half our lives ago, or the teachers pray that we ~~not~~ obsess over our ~~literature~~ grades to distraction...

I suppose I will surprise you all. Thinkles. For any of you unsure of that word, and not to be confused with the Cheebies characters you might have seen an embarrassingly short time ago, the ²⁰¹⁰ Google definition is 'a metal contraption moulded to fit over the thumb and used with re knitting.' Now I don't know about you, but I have never, and ~~never~~ ^{will never} used, my knitting, especially with a thinkle on my thumb, but there is a very special reason why they're important to me.

Picture this. A young child with blonde ringlets and an old, ^{devoted} ~~passionate~~ ^{knitting} ~~knitter~~.

lady, ^{creeping} ~~stealing~~ out of the living room and placing a grey-rusted thimble with the utmost care into plain sight where the chef would still struggle to locate it. Now ~~maybe~~ imagine the joy on the little girl's face, when she discovers the ~~most~~ ^{prize} prize one and over again, game after game after game.

Now imagine being left that very thimble on the day the grandma finally breathes her last.

~~Now~~ You may be interested to know a few facts and figures about thimbles: 1) they were first created in the ^{middle} ~~stone~~ ages

2) the most expensive one was sold for \$4 million at auction in 2004

3) the largest thimble collection contains 4,500 thimbles.

Thimbles have been used for decade after decade, protecting the hands of the women who have sewn clothes for our parents, and their parents, and their parents before them. Having ^{reflected on} ~~pondered~~ these items, they seem more significant than I once thought. (I won't start a history lecture now, though!)

But is this the reason why the thimble my ~~de~~ ^{old} grandma left me is the most prized possession I have? We ~~both~~ ^{all} know the answer to that, don't we. The ~~is~~ pure joy facilitated by that piece of moulded metal, ~~which was unparalleled for~~ ^{was} unparalleled for the little girl. Can we say the same about our phones? or laptops? ^{our} ~~or~~ makeup ~~palettes~~ ^{palettes}?

So, I have a challenge for you. Stop reusing. Stop SnapChatting. Stop researching the latest gadget that comes out on the Apple store in the absurd hours of the morning ^{next month.} Consider me. What is your most prized possession? ~~What legacy~~ which item represents a multitude of childhood memories, or ~~precisely~~ captures an experience ^{as vividly as a} ~~like~~ a photograph?

While my grandma never saw me receive the printer, I can just picture her face ^{if she} ~~if~~ had been there. She didn't care about the endless hours she'd spent repairing my mum's ^{careless} stockings ^{unloved} or ~~greasy~~ when she was young, but she did care that that the game the little printer inspired put a genuine smile on her granddaughter's face.

~~Grandma~~ Now I don't know about you, but I wouldn't want the legacy I leave behind for my ^{granddaughter} ~~grandchildren~~ to be a mobile phone, would you?

Question 8 - Script 2

SECTION B: Transactional Writing

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross . If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new question with a cross .

Chosen question number: **Question 8** **Question 9**

Write your answer to Section B here:

It's not the possessions that matter the most,
it's the memories associated with them.

Have you ever felt sick when trying to
~~dispose~~ throwout your grandfather's old
TV? or started teasing up a bit when ~~you~~
the ink from your 'lucky' pen reaches the dead
end ^{line} of your exam paper?

These are some of the things that keep
me up at night, ~~as I'm only left to~~
~~wonder how many of my~~

I always watch ~~telet~~ the television
when I'm at home ~~and~~ beside the
most comfortable and relaxing sofa.
~~that makes me dream~~ As a matter of fact
~~for~~ All I need is the Saturday night
show, the sports, the seat in my sofa
and I can become the laziest human
being ~~there~~ in the world.

These, are just somethings I adore.
~~That was until my mother told~~
It felt like it would last forever.
Until, the time came when my
mother gave me a bit too much
money to go shopping.

In the market the new mega pixel
hyper cooling LED ~~DS~~ television remote
control television was on sale.
Such things in life can ~~only~~ make
the dead come to life. So, before I knew
it, I had a massive television
set in my room with the old one
left around the back.

I can tell you that from now on,
things ~~are~~ are not going to stay the same.

If only you could be there to hear
the pristine sound that came from
the ~~DS~~ television. No horrible static
sounds like ~~from~~ the old television.
The ~~pixel~~ ^{pixel} ration of pixels in the new mega
television ~~was~~ was better than the
ration of old television.

However, the enlarged screen and intense lights made my eyes ~~the~~ very tired and watery. My old television never did that!

At least the sofa is as magnificent as always.

The television was doing as good as always, but I think I'm starting to gain some weight. Not from sitting around all day watching television, but from preventing myself to stand up and walk to change the channel. This made me really miss ~~the~~ my old television; The family would always ~~watch the tv~~ take turns in changing the channel, ~~although~~, although I would always race them to it.

I miss the old times.

So, my attentive ~~and~~ readers, I have chosen to throw my mega pixel, ^{copying} hyper active, eye tearing television out of my house. As I see now, my old television will

always be my only choice of television from now on. It brings my family together ~~at~~ in at holidays and now that I mention it, I think my sofa is unchangable aswell.

I would also advise you to do so aswell. Don't take in to 'change'! Praise your possessions for what they are, whether it be a phone, a toy or your favourite television. Remember that you will always enjoy the company. And as I would like to say "It never gets old!".

~~Time to go back to watching the~~
~~news~~ Break the cycle but don't forget to
~~time for yourself~~

Question 8 - Script 3

SECTION B: Transactional Writing

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen question number: Question 8 ☒ Question 9 ☒

Write your answer to Section B here:

~~There is only one thing, one item, one possession~~
Possessions are the Number One Prize
There is only one thing, one item, one possession that brings incredible amounts of joy to our lives despite some of them having no useful value. Plenty of people protect prized possessions. It is a fact. Without them - we are no longer ~~happy~~ joyful in our daily lives. I can guarantee that you, sir or madam, has a sentimental possession sleeping safely at the bottom of your wardrobe. You may even have more possessions tonnes, thousands, ~~and~~ ^{an} endless supply. But! Everyone, and I mean everyone has one possession considered to be a true prize.

Most possessions are completely useless: a hanging picture frame, a dusty ornament, a terribly drawn picture of yourself that your three year-old daughter drew in class. The list goes on, and on, and on. However! To me that possession is useless; but to you it is worth more than every penny in the house. Possessions can range from historical ornaments

ranging from £1,000-£100,000 or a hand written letter with no value whatsoever.

What makes a possession prized is the personal back ground of the object. ~~Is~~ Isn't it obvious? The love we provide our possessions is what we make them win the medal for sentimentality. I will admit. My most prized possession that I awarded through the key elements of my heart is a belt. A bloody belt. That's right, a black, leather belt that no longer ~~fits~~ ^{fits} me. Growing up I had very few friends making my best friend my prized possession. Possessions can be living things ^{too!} Wait a minute. That doesn't sound right, but you get the point. Right?

Anyway, when ~~the~~ Christmas came the only present I received was a belt from my best friend which I most desperately needed.

Prized possessions are the key element to replaying our memories forever. ~~What you have done~~. Unless you have short term memory loss but that's besides the point. When your most favourite person leaves forever you go straight towards your prized possession to lock them inside of your memory and place the key safely away.

It is a known fact that sentimental possessions are rewarded the number one prize. About 85% of people living in Britain have a prized possession worth no value.

I know what you're thinking: What about homeless people? What about orphans? What about lonely convicts living in care homes? Their prized possessions are not sentimental. They will also have a possession that brings them joy whenever they get hold of it.

It is I. We. Us. All of us who claim what possession of ours deserves the number one prize. ~~Is~~ sentimental value worth more than selling value? Of course!

Whatever your possession is, no matter why or where or when you received it, it is up to you to make it valuable to yourself.

Our valuable possessions have a way on ~~that~~ ^{who can} pull the most heart strings of the owner. This ending up a complete overload of deparation and intense charm. Prized possessions are the strongest bond at holding someone together.

Let's say, for example that you had no money, your debts are horribly increasing, and the only way you could pay them is by selling your

most prized possession. It is just impossible.
literally. The possession possesses us by grabbing on to
us and refusing to let go. Our possessions are the
main reason why we are who we are and
define how we behave.

When you go home today go straight towards
your most prized possession. Provide it with
all your love and joy and it will repay you
with the greatest memories you have ever experienced.
That one, single ^{possession} ~~person~~ is a winner, a true
winner just waiting to receive a golden medal
and claim it's number one prize.

Question 9 - Script 4

SECTION B: Transactional Writing

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box . If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new question with a cross .

Chosen question number: Question 8 Question 9

Write your answer to Section B here:

How organised do you think you are? Very? Somewhat? Not at all? Let me ask another - how important is being organised to you?

To me, being organised ~~is~~ is crucial to me. If I wasn't organised, I would have failed long ago. Being organised helps me concentrate on other, more important things, ~~things~~ other than running around trying to find that one stray piece of paper I need to complete my essay, other than being worried that I can't find my notes for the exam I have tomorrow.

Let me give you two examples - Boy A, and Boy B. Now Boy A ~~is~~ and Boy B are both in the same classes, working at the same level as one another. They are basically identical, except for one thing - Boy A is organised, ~~and~~ whereas Boy B is not. When Boy A gets home, he stores all his work neatly into folders, easily found if the time comes he needs it. When Boy B gets home, he throws his work into an empty pile on the floor, never to be seen again. 'Why is this story important?' you may be wondering. Well, it's approaching exam season, and the two boys are working harder ever in class, but when they get home, it's a different story. Which boy will be revising properly knowing where all his sheets are? And which boy will be flustered, frantically wracking his head to try and remember which corner of his room he flung the desired sheet? More importantly, which boy will get the good grade in the

subject, and which boy will get a mediocre result, at best? Organisation is everything. If you don't organise, you will end up just like Big B.

There are many advantages for organisations and not many disadvantages. The advantages include: knowing where everything is, ease of access, not having to worry about finding things, etc. etc. The only disadvantages that come to mind are time and effort, and surely you have ~~left~~ half an hour to spare, just to make your life easier. Some days it'll just mean placing a sheet into a folder, which doesn't even take a minute to do. If you're like me, you'll even find it relaxing. Organising helps me when I feel particularly stressed. I will even re-organise everything from time to time, as the methodical putting away of things calms me down, and maybe it would help you too.

There are many different things you can do to organise your belongings. If you are organising notes and sheets of paper, buy some files to put them in, and colour-code them so you ~~know~~ know what's what (plus it would be pleasing to the eye, which would be a break from the dull and monotonous tones of white). If you are organising other items, such as books, you could order them in an A-Z fashion, with either the title of the book or the author's name being the letter you look for. You could also organise clothes in your wardrobe from lightest to darkest, or in seasons (e.g. Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter).

There are so many things you can organise, and there is an endless array of possible orders you can organise them into. Let your mind be free and invent weird and wonderful ways of organising your belongings. APTO

You'll learn to love it-Trust me.

Question 9 - Script 5

SECTION B: Transactional Writing

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross . If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new question with a cross .

Chosen question number: Question 8 Question 9

Write your answer to Section B here:

Being organised, what does it mean to be organised?
Well from my point of view what I think being
organised means is to do everything according
to plan. For example revising for exams can be tough
unless you are organised, making a timetable can
help to be like this.

The advantages of being organised would allow
you to get through your day smoothly. Also if
~~it~~ you were finding something, around
the house or even in your bedroom, being
organised could help as you would not get
anxious or worried about where it is. Organisation
in life could help a lot as people could get
around more easily. However there are disadvantages
too. Being organised may make some people
more controlled over time. An example of this
may be being in a serious situation which
you are not able to leave, so what your
next thing on your plan ~~would~~ would need to
~~be~~ be cancelled, due to what has come

up.

Things that people could do to allow them to be organised is make a timetable with everything you do daily. However this timetable can ~~consume~~ consume of other activities you would like to do. Another thing that can be done is having reminders set on your phone, iPad or watch to inform you about what is coming up next. These things would help you a lot in life as you would not be late or in a hurry to get somewhere, however you will be calm and not in a rush to get to places, as you can be informed to how long you have left.

Question 9 - Script 6

SECTION B: Transactional Writing

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen question number: Question 8 ☒ Question 9 ☒

Write your answer to Section B here:

How many times have you woke up in the morning you get a shower then you go in the wardrobe and you have no clothes or uniforms or even suits you wanna know why? because you don't organise. Let me tell you the advantages and disadvantages about being organised. The advantages are you don't have to panic if you plan it out properly you do what you can to make sure everything that you need is sorted. The disadvantages are that they do get boring after a while because you do it over and over again like give me a break! but you have to do it can't do it last minutes Thank you for getting the time for reading my speech.

Question 9 - Script 7

SECTION B: Transactional Writing

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross . If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new question with a cross .

Chosen question number: Question 8 Question 9

Write your answer to Section B here:

Hi guys, here's a question for you. How organised are you? Well today I'm here to tell you guys how to stay and keep yourself organised.

What is organised? It's a hard question I know. But don't worry because there are many things you can do to be organised. The word organised means to be able to keep things in certain places, in certain files or boxes and it with certain things; it also means how you run your day. For example, what time do you do your work? Where do you keep your work in case you lose it? These are all significant things that need to be taken into consideration.

Did you know 75% of teenagers find it hard to keep organised.

There are always advantages and disadvantages to being organised.

The advantages of keeping organised are:

- When being organised you are able to find things ~~easy~~ easily which is important for when you have school or work.
- You are able to reduce work for yourself because you are doing things under a ~~strict~~ strict time in which you have organised.
- It allows you to be able to have more time with your family, friends or yourself.

These are just some examples of keeping organised and why it is good, but wait, what are the disadvantages?

The disadvantages of being organised are:

- When you have stopped or moved organised things it can become confusing and could cause problems whilst trying to sort things out.
- Another problem with being organised is that it can be too much and you could run out or even forget to do things that you had decided to do. This is a disadvantage because it means

it will have to run out of what you
had done or ~~what~~ would have to be done
another day which could cause problems.

• Also the problem with being too organised
is that it can cause you to become a bit
"OTT" which could cause problems because it
could cause you to flip out if your
English were was in your Maths (which is
what I say is a bit insane).

But ~~with~~ with these problems there are
always ways to counter them and make
it so you don't go insane at the smallest
things.

Organisation is hard. But luckily it can
be the smallest things you can start
with, such as: keep all your stationary in a
pencil case. This is important because then
you know where all of your stationary is
and you won't lose it. Colour code different
things so you can identify what they are.
This is tedious but it is ~~totally~~ ^{totally} worth
doing at the end of the day because
at least you will find things easier and it
will cause less hassle. Have a calendar on

your phone or ~~in~~ between walls so you
see it every day. This will help because
then you see it all the time so you can
set your time around things.

I hope my ideas and thought ~~will~~^{will}
helped you guys and I hope my
allow to a organised and intelligent person.
But just one thing before I go, don't
go OTT with it!!