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**Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)**

**English Language**  
**PAPER 2: Non-fiction and**  
**Transactional Writing**

**Monday 12 June 2023 – Morning**

**Time: 2 hours 5 minutes**

**Text Booklet**

**DO NOT RETURN THIS INSERT  
WITH THE QUESTION PAPER.**

**Read the text below and answer  
Questions 1–3 on the Question Paper.**

**TEXT 1**

**Extract from ‘An audacious dig for  
freedom beneath the Berlin Wall’ by  
Justin Huggler (2014).**

**In this edited extract published in The  
Telegraph newspaper, Justin Huggler  
reports on how 57 people escaped  
from East Germany via a secret tunnel  
under the Berlin Wall.**

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**TEXT 1 continued.**

## **Glossary**

**\*checkpoint – a crossing point between East and West Germany**

**\*\*couriers – messengers**

**The call came on Friday night, his sister's voice on the phone: "Can you come to Achim's parents' place tomorrow?"**

**To anyone listening in, there would have been nothing suspicious about the call, but Hans-Joachim Tillemann knew it was the signal he had been waiting for.** 5

**The next day, he would be going under the Berlin Wall, in the most daring mass escape ever attempted from East Germany.** 10

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**TEXT 1 continued.**

The border guards probably noticed nothing out of the ordinary about the small group that passed them the next evening. It was not unusual for passers-by to be a little nervous so close to the wall. But Tillemann knew it was their last chance to turn back as they passed the checkpoint\*. From this point on, they were risking their lives: the border guards had orders to shoot. 15 20

He glanced over the wall, at the building opposite, just inside West Berlin. If anything had gone wrong, he'd been told, the escape team would shine a light from the top floor. There was no light. 25

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**TEXT 1 continued.**

The address they had been given was an apartment block a short distance from the checkpoint. Inside the door, someone was waiting. Mr Tillemann whispered the password: “Tokyo”. The man motioned 30  
them to take off their shoes, to make as little noise as possible. They padded through the hallway in their socks, out the back door and into a courtyard.

A second man directed them to a disused 35  
outside lavatory. Inside, there was a small hole in the floor, just big enough for a man to slip through. A third conspirator showed them how to get in: you had to lower yourself in backwards, then slide into the 40  
tunnel. Tillemann stepped in. He found himself in a narrow tunnel, two feet high and three feet wide, and started crawling. He was under the Berlin Wall, on his way 45  
to freedom.

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**TEXT 1 continued.**

**There were several people in the tunnel,  
all making their way under the wall.**

**They were not allowed to bring any  
baggage, only their papers. To each side  
of them was loose dirt, but electric lights 50  
had been strung along the way. The space  
was so narrow one woman became stuck  
and had to be pushed.**

**Tillemann had his own problem getting  
through: he had needed an emergency 55  
operation for acute appendicitis a few  
days before, and the stitches were still  
fresh in his side. But the tunnel would  
be his last opportunity to get out of East  
Berlin, and he wasn't going to miss it. 60**

**“I don't know how long I was in the  
tunnel,” he says. “You had no sense  
of time. But we knew it would end in  
freedom, so we kept going.”**

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**TEXT 1 continued.**

**Tillemann was 20 years old in 1964, and 65**  
**he had already spent eight months in a**  
**Communist prison for trying to cross the**  
**Berlin Wall, which had been erected three**  
**years ago, cutting East Germany off from**  
**the outside world. 70**

**When Tillemann was released from prison,**  
**he still wanted to get to West Berlin, but**  
**he knew he was running out of time: his**  
**call-up papers for compulsory military**  
**service had arrived. The sister who 75**  
**remained in the East introduced him to**  
**some West German students, there as**  
**undercover couriers\*\* with a remarkable**  
**piece of news: some fellow West Berlin**  
**students were digging a tunnel under the 80**  
**wall to get people out of the East.**

**Read the text below and answer Questions 4–7 on the Question Paper.**

**TEXT 2**

**Extract from ‘Papillon’ by Henri Charrière (1969).**

**In this edited extract from his memoir, French writer Henri Charrière, nicknamed ‘Papillon’, talks about one of his attempts to escape from prison. He was convicted of murder (which he denied committing) by French courts and sent to prison on an island which was part of a French colony.**

**Glossary**

**\*francs – French money**

**\*\*mortises – used to join pieces of wood together**

**\*\*\*screws – prison guards**

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**TEXT 2 continued.**

That's all I lived for – escape, escape, by myself or with others: but in any case to escape, to have it away, to make a break. It was an obsession: I never talked about it, but it haunted me. And I'd accomplish my ideal without weakening: I'd break out and away. 5

One evening I said to another prisoner, 'I've got two thousand francs\* for you if you'll make the thing I want – a raft big enough for two, in sections that'll fit together.' 10

'Listen, Papillon, there's no one else I'd do that for. The difficulty will be to find wood that floats, because here on the islands everything's hardwood and sinks. We must draw a scale plan to begin with and then make the pieces one by one, with mortises\*\* so that everything'll fit together perfectly.' 15 20

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**TEXT 2 continued.**

‘Listen carefully: this very day I’ll set you  
 up a defence in case of anything going  
 wrong. I’ll copy the plan of the raft on  
 exercise-book paper myself. Underneath  
 I’ll write, if you don’t want to be murdered, 25  
 just you make the raft shown above.  
 When each section is finished, you’ll put  
 it in a certain place. It’ll be taken away. In  
 this way I prevent you being tortured if  
 you’re taken, and you only risk six months 30  
 at the most.’

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 Now I only had to talk to Matthieu  
 Carbonieri, for he was the man I wanted  
 to make the break with. He agreed one  
 hundred per cent. ‘Matthieu, I’ve found a 35  
 man who’ll make me the raft: I’ve found a  
 man who’ll get the sections out of the yard  
 for me. It’s up to you to find a place in  
 your garden to bury it in.’

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**TEXT 2 continued.**

**‘No, a kitchen-garden would be too dangerous, because there are screws\*\*\* that go stealing vegetables at night, and if they were to walk on the bed and notice it was hollow underneath, we’d have had it. 40**

**‘I’ll hollow out a place in a retaining wall – I’ll take out a big stone and make a kind of little cave. That way, when a section comes along, I’ll only have to lift the stone, hide the wood, and put it back again.’ 45**

**‘Should the sections be taken straight to your garden?’ 50**

**‘No, that would be too risky. The best thing is to work out a scheme to leave each piece in some different place, not too far from the garden.’ 55**

**‘Right.’**

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**TEXT 2 continued.**

**It was a month now that plans for the break had been on the go. I'd already received seven pieces of the raft, two of them big ones. I'd been to see the retaining wall in which Matthieu had hollowed out the hiding-place. You couldn't see the stone had been moved, because he'd taken care to put moss all round it.**

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**The fact that I was getting ready for a break put me in terrific spirits. I was eating better than I'd ever eaten before, and fishing kept me wonderfully fit. On top of that, I did more than two hours of physical training on the rocks every morning. It was my legs I concentrated on because fishing already looked after my arms.**

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**Sources:**

**Text 1: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/11140109/An-audacious-dig-for-freedom-beneath-the-Berlin-Wall.html>**

**Text 2: Henri Charrière, Papillon.  
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