

English Language
PAPER 2: Non-fiction and
Transactional Writing

Total Marks

Thursday 9 November 2023 – Morning

Time: 2 hours 5 minutes

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

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YOU MUST HAVE

Reading Texts Insert (enclosed)

YOU WILL BE GIVEN

Nil

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL questions in Section A and ONE in Section B.

You should spend about 1 hour and 20 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.

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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.

SECTION A

Reading

Read Text 1 in the Reading Texts Insert. Then answer Questions 1–3.

You should spend about 1 hour 20 minutes on the WHOLE of Section A. (Questions 1–7).

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 From lines 6–10, identify TWO landmarks the writer says you may see.**

1 _____

2 _____

(Total for Question 1 = 2 marks)

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2 Read this extract.

Getting your bearings is most easily done from above. A number of buildings have observation platforms, while an incredible helicopter ride I took spins you over the whole incomparable scene, including bringing you eye to eye with that famous Lady of the Harbour herself, the Statue of Liberty. I was amazed to see real live people moving inside her crown as I flew around her. Do try to do that trip – it's sensational!

From this extract, give two ways the writer describes the helicopter trip.

You may use your own words or quotations from the text.

1 _____

2 _____

(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.

In your answer you should write about:

- **language features and techniques**
- **structural techniques**
- **the effect on the reader.**

**Support your views with detailed reference to the text.
(15 marks)**

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(Total for Question 3 = 15 marks)

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Read Text 2 in the Reading Texts Insert. Then answer Questions 4–6.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

4 From lines 1–8, identify ONE group of people at the event.

(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

5 From lines 61–69, identify ONE positive thing about Newcastle and Gateshead.

(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

- 6 In this extract, the writer attempts to create excitement about Newcastle and Gateshead.**

Evaluate how successfully this is achieved.

**Support your views with detailed reference to the text.
(15 marks)**

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(Total for Question 6 = 15 marks)

**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 thoughts
about places.**

**What similarities do the places share
in these extracts?**

**Use evidence from BOTH texts to
support your answer.
(6 marks)**

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(b) Compare how the writers of Text 1 and Text 2 present ideas and perspectives about visiting a town or city.

You should write about:

- **the ideas and perspectives**
- **how they are presented**
- **how they are similar/different.**

Support your answer with detailed references to the texts.

(14 marks)

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(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 56 MARKS

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 Your local newspaper has recently published an article with the title ‘City life has more to offer than country life’.**

Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper giving your views.

In your letter, you could include:

- **your views on what the benefits of city life are**
- **your views on any negatives of city life**
- **the positives and negatives of living in the country**

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)

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OR

***9 Write a review of a city or town you have lived in or visited.**

In your review, you could include:

- **details of the city or town**
- **positives and negatives about the city or town**
- **other people's views of the city or town**

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)

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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 ☐

Plan your answer to Section B here:

Write your answer to Section B here:

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TOTAL FOR PAPER = 96 MARKS
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