

SECTION B: Reading and Writing

Answer the question in this section.

You should spend 1 hour on this section.

Use ideas from both Text One and Text Two in the Extracts Booklet.

- 8 A friend of yours is going abroad for the first time.

Write a letter to your friend explaining what it might be like.

You should include:

- what might be seen or experienced
- what might be enjoyable
- what might be disappointing.

Think carefully about the purpose of your letter and the audience for whom it is intended.

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Dear John,

~~I know~~ Ireland is a wonderful place: You did ~~not~~ a wonderful thing choosing Dublin as a holiday destination. You will not regret it one bit.

~~Don't worry about the~~ The scenery is there is like a picture frame of lush ~~see~~ hills and ~~be~~ beautiful landscape come to life. The ~~shes~~ steep sides and contrast of rolling meadows and ~~go~~ serene green grass is an ~~relaxant~~ ~~relaxant~~ ~~entire~~ of relaxation for the soul. ~~For~~ This getaway would be more than just a vacation for the sights and experiences that Ireland has to offer it would be a nice change of pace from the stress you under

-take daily. A fitting experience for you would be to attend St. Patrick's day while you there. The clean ^{drab} and uniform streets of Dublin become ~~as~~ awash with colors, ~~from~~ the city switches gears from a mechanical ^{clockwork} city to a fairytale. Drinking, singing and dancing dominates the cityscape. The parades with floats of Leprechauns and other celebratory figures run throughout the streets. The people, who are normally quite cheerful and friendly ~~become~~ go into a jovial frenzy, enjoying the day to the utmost socializing with strangers and trying every possible avenue to enjoy themselves.

Ireland does get negative publicity for being a boring country, drab scenery, ~~boring~~ boorish city life and what-not. It is true that the heart of the ~~entire~~ city itself is quite industrial but in all honesty the peaceful city center is a nice change of place.

My tip? Grab a cup of coffee and sit in the park ~~and~~ contemplating life. ~~Also~~ Have an amazing time John. Don't forget to send pictures.

Yours sincerely