

Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English Language A

DRAFT SAMPLE ASSESSMENT MATERIAL

PAPER 1 Non-fiction Texts and Transactional Writing

PAPER 1 SECTION A Non-fiction Texts

You should answer **ALL** questions in Section A.

You should spend about 1 hour and 15 minutes on this section.

Question 1 is based on Extract Text 1 in the Resource Booklet.

Ice Swimming in Tromso

1

- (a) From lines X find two phrases that describe the *Tromso Ice Swimmers*. (2)
- (b) From lines X, in your own words explain what the writer's thoughts are before the swim. (4)
- (c) From lines X describe the dangers and difficulties of the swim. You may support your points with brief quotations. (5)

(Total for Question 1 = 11 marks)

Question 2 is based on Text 2 in the Resource Booklet.

Remind yourself of the passage *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* from the Edexcel Anthology.

2

In what ways does the writer create suspense and tension?

In your answer you should write about:

- the writer's description of the accident
- Aron Ralston's thoughts
- the writer's use of language

Support your answer with examples from the extract.

(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

Question 3 is based on both Text 1 and Text 2, which have been provided in the Resource Booklet.

3

Compare how the writers of *Ice Swimming in Tromso* and *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* present their ideas and perspectives about their experiences.

Support your answer with examples from the extract and anthology text.

(Total for Question 3 = 22 marks)

PAPER 1 SECTION B **Transactional Writing**

Answer ONE question. You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.
Write your answer in the space provided.

EITHER

4

"There is no point in travelling when you can see everything and learn about places on TV and the internet."

Write a magazine article giving your views on this statement.

The article may include:

- the advantages and disadvantages of travel
- the advantages and disadvantages of learning about places on TV and the internet
- any other points you wish to make.

Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

(Total for Question 4 = **45 marks**)

OR

5

"Schools have a duty to ensure their students keep fit and the time spent on physical education should increase."

You have been asked to give a speech to your class in which you express your views on this statement.

The speech may consider:

- who should have responsibility for a young person's fitness: school, family or self
- where the extra time for PE could be found in school- should other subjects receive less time?
- any other points you wish to make.

Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

(Total for Question 5 = **45 marks**)

PAPER 2 Poetry and Prose texts and Imaginative Writing**PAPER 2 SECTION A Poetry and Prose Texts**

You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.

Question 1 is based on Anthology text "Whistle and I'll Come to You" (from *The Woman in Black*) which has been provided in the Resource Booklet.

"Whistle and I'll Come to You" (from *The Woman in Black*)**1**

How does the writer bring out feelings of isolation in "Whistle and I'll Come to You"?

In your answer you should write about:

- the weather and setting in the passage
- the effect of the writer's childhood memories in the passage
- the use of language.

Support your answer with examples from the text.

(Total for Question 1 = **30 marks**)

PAPER 2 SECTION B **Imaginative Writing**

Answer ONE question. You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.

Write your answer in the space provided.

EITHER

2

Write about a time when you, or someone you know, had an unexpected experience.

Your response could be real or imagined.

(Total for Question 2 = **45 marks**)

OR

3

Write a narrative with the title 'Left Behind'.

Your response could be real or imagined.

(Total for Question 3 = **45 marks**)

OR

4

Look at the images provided.

Write a narrative that begins 'I wanted to make my own decision'.

Your response could be real or imagined. You may wish to base your response on one of the images.

(Total for Question 4 = **45 marks**)