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Morning (Time: 1 hour 15 minutes)

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English as a Second Language

UNIT 3: Writing

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **Questions 1, 2, and 3**.
- In **Question 2**, answer **either** option (a) **or** option (b) **or** option (c).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- Write your answers in full sentences.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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1 You want to buy a gift for your neighbour.

Write an email to your friend about this.

In your email you **must**:

- write why you want to buy a gift for your neighbour
- write what you want to buy them
- ask your friend to go shopping with you.

Aim to write approximately **80** words in English.

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(Total for Question 1 = 10 marks)



Choose either Question 2(a) or Question 2(b) or Question 2(c).

EITHER

- 2 (a) You have been asked to write an article for the school magazine about how homes can be environmentally friendly.

In your article you **must**:

- write about **two** ways homes can be environmentally friendly
- write about **two** benefits to the environment of homes being environmentally friendly
- explain how important living in an environmentally-friendly home is to you.

(20)

OR

- (b) You have been asked to write an article for the school magazine about how students use online media in their studies.

In your article you **must**:

- write about **two** types of online media that students use in their studies
- write about **two** benefits of using online media to help with studying
- explain how important online media is to you in your studies.

(20)

OR

- (c) You have been asked to write an article for the school magazine about companies treating people equally in the workplace.

In your article you **must**:

- write about **two** benefits of people being treated equally at work
- write about **two** ways in which companies might not treat people equally at work
- explain whether you think companies do enough to treat people equally.

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Aim to write approximately **180** words in English.

Remember to use a range of grammatical structures and vocabulary in your response.



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3 You are doing a project about different types of holidays.

Read the text below and write a summary for your teacher.

IS IT BETTER TO HOLIDAY IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY OR ABROAD?

Why do people feel they have to visit another country for a holiday? Many people don't even think about the advantages of taking a holiday in their own country.

Advantages of a holiday in your home country

By staying in your home country, you can avoid flying if it's not something you particularly enjoy. You can also save money on expensive plane tickets. In addition, you don't have the worry of missing your flight and the stress of being in a busy airport. Making a long journey on an aeroplane, sitting with strangers, is not always the most comfortable way of travelling. Getting on a coach or a train or even driving yourself to a closer destination are easier and more relaxed alternatives.

You don't have to think about having a passport or getting a visa for the place you are visiting. When you are packing, you are less likely to have to buy new items to take with you in your home country. There is no need to worry about not being able to communicate or to understand the rules and important customs of a different country.

There are always new places to discover in your home country and exploring these can be just as enjoyable as visiting another country. If your country is popular with tourists from overseas, why not join them in exploring your country's most spectacular sites? You will be surprised how much there is to learn about your own country.

Advantages of a holiday abroad

Depending on how expensive it is in your home country for travel, accommodation and food, visiting another country could work out cheaper. You may also find that you can do more with your money overseas. This can include activities and trips that you would not have been able to afford in your home country.

For some people, the weather in their home country is unpredictable. If you are looking for some time in the sun, certain countries will always have hot weather. You can then pick your ideal holiday location in that country. The choices are endless as many countries have a well-developed tourist industry, offering a range of holiday options.

It's not surprising that millions of people book holidays abroad to be somewhere different from home. It's exciting to visit other countries to learn about their cultures and ways of life. Experiencing somewhere completely new is a great way to forget about your usual worries and routines. You go home feeling relaxed with some wonderful memories of your holiday abroad.

Both holiday options have different benefits. Whether you holiday in your home country or a different one, there is always something positive to be gained from travel.



In your summary you **must**:

- write about **two** advantages of going on holiday in your home country
- write about **two** advantages of going on holiday abroad
- based on the points in the text, explain which type of holiday you would prefer.

You **must** use your own words where possible.

Remember to use a range of grammatical structures and vocabulary in your response.

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TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS



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