

**International GCSE English
Language B
Questions 9, 10 and 11 Exemplars
2019**

SECTION C: Writing

GRADE 5

Answer ONE question from this section.

You should spend 1 hour on your chosen question.

Do not re-tell events from Text One or Text Two in the Extracts Booklet.

Write approximately 400 words on one of the following:

EITHER

- 9 'You have to work hard to get what you want.' To what extent do you agree with this?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10 Write a story (true or imaginary) entitled 'The Prize'.

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

OR

- 11 Describe a time when you learnt something new.

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

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 9 ☒ Question 10 ☒ Question 11 ☒

It is argued that hard work is the key to success, and ~~success~~ ~~this has~~ with success comes what mostly everyone wants: money, respect, appreciation and confidence. This has ~~the~~ been proven to be correct at times, but sometimes people have got what they want without hard work and sometimes what people want isn't success and everything that comes with it, they want happiness or love or freedom or beauty, things which can't be achieved with hard work.



P 5 8 4 7 7 A 0 2 1 2 8

Most of the world leaders as of today, whom we love and appreciate have worked extremely hard to get to where they are now. For example, Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook, started working on his project in a garage ~~(Now he lives in a mansion and)~~ and fought against any adversities without the help or support of anyone. Now, he lives in a mansion. Amancio Ortega, one of the richest men in the world and founder of Zara, has a similar story. He started ~~(from)~~ when he was young, with ~~now~~ little help from his modest family, and after a lot of hard work and dedication, he finally achieved what he wanted.

On the other hand, other world leaders and celebrities have never had to work hard to get to the "top". For example, ~~the~~ Queen Elizabeth has never had to work hard, yet she was born ~~being one of~~ and still is ~~(the most)~~ one of the most powerful women on Earth. Maybe power isn't what she wants, but many people do and will never be able to get to where she is by the simple fact of being born in a different family. Something similar happens with models, they were born ~~being~~ with that beautiful curly golden hair and those sky blue eyes, they never had to work hard to get



these features, it came of pure luck. ~~The~~ The average teenage girl may spend hours adding make-up, ~~for thinking~~ ~~for thinking~~ to look like these models, wishing ~~they looked as~~ she looked like them, and it doesn't matter what she does or how hard she works, she will never be able to look like them.

~~Some people want love. It could be argued that~~
~~love can be achieved through hard work~~

In school, ~~so~~ what most kids want is good grades, however some have a serious advantage over others, ~~and~~ and although hard work obviously ~~improves~~ improves academic success, it's not always what determines it. For example, ~~for a kid who is born with~~ two twins are born, one is born gifted and the other is born with dyslexia (an illness which makes learning ~~much~~ harder). It is very likely that no matter how hard the kid with dyslexia works he will never be able to beat his gifted brother.

which many people desire

Lastly, there are ~~things~~ non-materialistic things that can never be achieved with hard work, such as creativity. Either you are born creative or you are not. Also, ~~if~~ Likewise, freedom can't be achieved with hard work either. ~~Some~~ Black slaves



P 5 8 4 7 7 A 0 2 3 2 8

worked hard for their freedom for decades, but this freedom wasn't awarded to them until a white president, Abraham Lincoln, spoke up for them.

After examining all the evidence, one is bound to say that ~~although hard work~~ those who want success are most likely to achieve it through hard work, but those who want beauty, love, freedom or happiness will never achieve it through hard work.



SECTION C: Writing

Answer ONE question from this section.

You should spend 1 hour on your chosen question.

Do not re-tell events from Text One or Text Two in the Extracts Booklet.

Write approximately 400 words on one of the following:

EITHER

- 9 'You have to work hard to get what you want.' To what extent do you agree with this?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10 Write a story (true or imaginary) entitled 'The Prize'.

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

OR

- 11 Describe a time when you learnt something new.

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

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 9 ☒ Question 10 ☒ Question 11 ☒

It's prize giving day! The day everyone waits for, only once a year, where thousands of students gather in an immense theatre to celebrate their academic achievements.

I myself was ~~renominated~~ nominated for the media studies prize, my favourite subject. It is such an engaging class to attend; being surrounded by people who share their love for it is amazing. My teacher is a charm



P 5 8 4 7 7 A 0 2 1 2 8

too. She ~~the~~ ginger has red hair and tons of freckles all around her body (however I do not think her hair colour is natural). Her name is Ms Einger; (I know, ~~very ironic~~ such a coincidence). She often reminds me of a gingerbread cookie. Anyways, she makes media be interesting and amusing, learning about eponymous films and niche audiences is so exciting. Some think that all we do in media is watch films, but the essay writing is insane!

The 4th of June, today, is as I said, the day my dreams come true. I wake up at 6:30 am, an hour before my usual time, to get ready. I open my chaotic drawer in the search for something to wear. I do not own much clothes, so I try to work with what I have. Last year I was also nominated for the mathematics award. Sadly, Alice Mahady won. I remember following the same exact steps as today. The frantic chaos in my ~~house~~^{room}, ~~the~~ the smell of coffee and ~~blasting my face~~ burnt toast my father had prepared blasting my face. And, once again no signs of my mother. She abandoned



us when I was three, claiming that her own daughter was too much of a burden. Now I'm 18, and my father is a great person ^{is a great roommate} ~~to live with~~. We get along really well and he supports and protects me throughout ~~ever~~ anything and everything. I could truly say he is the most precious prize I own, out of ~~all the prizes~~ the hundreds that I ~~have won~~.

We are already late, just like last year, the ceremony has started and the audience is silently waiting for the host to appear.

My father and I attempt to enter the room as quietly as possible. ~~But~~ But just when we open the door, it creates a screaming sound that echos ~~throughout~~ the hall and back. Everyone ^{tilts their heads towards} ~~stares at~~ us, so we rapidly take our seats.

^{motionless}
We remain ~~stare~~ for a longer time, and finally the host ~~enters~~ enters the stage. "Welcome to everyone, once again, we are gathered here today to celebrate the talented students we have in this country." Then he ^{goes} ~~keeps~~ on and on about how proud we should all be...



P 5 8 4 7 7 A 0 2 3 2 8

After what ^{seems} ~~seemed~~ an eternal time, he begins to announce the prizes in order of departments: English, mathematics, biology, chemistry, etc. My competition this year is tough, and, surprisingly, Alice is nominated for media too. She is such a bright girl, I know I have no chance of winning. "And now, the media Studies prize winner" he claims. "please give a round of applause for Fatema Pérez!". The astonished ^{look} ~~face~~ on my ^{face} ~~look~~ stopped me from moving, my heart races, and ^{I'm} ~~sweating~~ everywhere as I walk towards the stage. And so the man hands me this beautiful, cold, ~~an~~ golden trophy. And I cannot believe that this 2019 I ^{finally} won the prize.



SECTION C: Writing

Answer ONE question from this section.

You should spend 1 hour on your chosen question.

Do not re-tell events from Text One or Text Two in the Extracts Booklet.

Write approximately 400 words on one of the following:

EITHER

- 9 'You have to work hard to get what you want.' To what extent do you agree with this?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10 Write a story (true or imaginary) entitled 'The Prize'.

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

OR

- 11 Describe a time when you learnt something new.

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

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 9 ☒ Question 10 ☒ Question 11 ☒

~~Escalade à Piccard~~

① Climax → I'm at the top → sweat/adrenaline/scared of heights

'Don't look down! Otherwise you'll fall!' Clara had just shouted up to me. The sharpness of her voice was resonating in my brain. You'll fall, you'll fall, you'll fall... I could feel my skin humidifying. A small droplet rolled down my forehead, the salt stung the pimple I had popped in the changing room a few moments earlier. I wished more than anything to ^{be} back there instead of



P 5 8 4 7 7 A 0 2 1 2 8

~~was~~ all alone up here. As I ~~was~~ gripped harder the clutches, my palms kept slipping off more easily. Time panned. It felt like eternity, each second ~~was~~ a light year. My knuckles were as white as the bones which ~~seemed~~ of my hands which seemed to be able to pierce my skin at any moment.

"Come on Thea, you're almost there!"

I look^{ed}~~up~~ up - usually such an effortless movement, but right then, my tense neck pulled my elephant-head up with difficulty. I could already feel the sore muscles I would have ~~that night~~^{afterwards}. The gold bell was just a few meters above me: with my arm extended I would reach it. But letting go of one of the clutches was not a possibility.

I tried to recall what I had learned in the previous lessons. When I think back to it, I had progressed ~~at~~ at an exceptional speed. Just a month ago, wall-climbing was something I couldn't have done ~~in~~ in my wildest dreams! ~~And~~ Yet, I ~~was~~ was here, glued to this wall, unable to move, five meters from the ground.

Goose bumps swarmed all over my ~~body~~ body and I felt the adrenaline kick in. Phrases from my instructor resurfaced in my flooded brain - my fear of heights had overflowed the tiny thinking space in my head with emotions and sensations that ~~was~~ kept swishing and whirling in all directions. "Look straight at the wall, Thea,



or you'll lose your neck." Sweet. "Bend your legs, your extension will be easier." Adrenaline. "Stay focused and I know you'll be able to do it" Energy.

My eyes closed and I took a deep breath. The flood had ^{dried up.} ~~now disappeared.~~ and I was unstoppable.

I bent my legs, pushed from the 3 small clutches which had been supporting my weight all this time and thrust upward toward the bell. I was a spaceship soaring to the moon. Ting! As the sound of the ringing bell reached my ears, my exhausted body let go of all of its muscles and I fell back into the secure-belt that was there in case of a fall.

~~Thanks to the rope,~~ Clara let me down gently,* In the air, while I was descending, a huge weight was taken away from my stomach. Rewarded was what I felt.

* Thanks to a rope that allowed me to ~~the~~ sink back to the ground. To reality.



P 5 8 4 7 7 A 0 2 3 2 8