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Sample Assessment Material – Question Paper

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Paper Reference(s)

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

You may use a dictionary.

Total Marks

40

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 all reading questions and complete both writing tasks.

Answer the questions in the spaces provided

- *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

The total mark for this paper is 40.

There are 20 marks for each section.

The marks for each question are shown in brackets

- *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Your reading skills are assessed in Section 1.

Your writing skills, including spelling, punctuation and grammar, are assessed in Section 2.

Advice

You should aim to take about 45 minutes on each section of this test

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.

Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Turn over

SECTION 1: READING

Total Marks: 25

Context

You are interested housing issues affecting young people today.

You decide to find out more about this subject.

Read Text A and answer questions 1 - 5.

You find this newspaper article.

Text A

Live and Let Live

by Niamh Smyth

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has recently published a report on where people in the UK live. The report findings showed that there was a big increase in the number of young people living with their parents.

In 1996, the number of 15 to 34 year olds who lived with their parents was 5.8 million and this number had risen to 6.6 million by 2015. This means that the percentage of 15-34 year olds living with their parents increased from 36% in 1996 to 40% in 2015.

This may be because young adults today stay in education and training for longer and settle down later. The average age at which people have children has risen. It has also become more expensive to rent or buy a home. The figures show that young people in Northern Ireland are more likely to live with their parents than in any other part of the UK. One explanation is that Northern Ireland's small geographic size makes it easier for young adults to travel to work or attend university from home.

Aidan Moore, aged 29, from Ballygowan, Co Down, never thought he would still be living at home at nearly 30.

"I work on short term contracts and haven't had a pay rise for the last three years. Buying a house seems nearly impossible," he said. "It's the same for a lot of my friends though, and it seems more acceptable than it once was."

Contact us:

Are you in your 20s or 30s and living at home with parents?

Let us know your views by emailing opinion@belfastbugle.co.uk.

Or you can post your views on the forum:

www.belfastbugle.co.uk/comments/liveandletlive.

You can also text INTERVIEW to 07700 900197 if you'd like to be interviewed for a follow up article.

Answer question 1 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 The main purpose of this article is to:

- A advise the reader of the benefits of living independently
- B inform the reader that house prices have decreased
- C advise the reader to stay in education for longer
- D inform the reader about research on where young people live

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 List **three** facts from the Office for National Statistics report.

1

2

3

(Total for Question 2 = 3 marks)

3 Paragraphs are one of the features of Text A that help to present information.
Give **two** other features of Text A that help to present information.

1

2

(Total for Question 3 = 2 marks)

4 You want to tell the newspaper your views about young people living at home
with their parents.
According to Text A, suggest **two** ways you can do this.

1

2

(Total for Question 4 = 2 marks)

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5 Your friend still lives at home with her parents and would like to move out. Using the information from Text A, suggest **two** reasons why she might find this difficult.

1

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(Total for Question 5 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR TEXT A = 10 MARKS

Read Text B and answer questions 6 - 10.

Text B

You find this information on the internet.

First Time Flat Sharing

You've decided to leave your parents' home and move into a flat. You can't afford to rent a place of your own so you need to share the flat, the rent and the other bills with someone else. You're ready for a change and you want some company. Follow the tips below to find a flat share that will work for you.

Friends or just flatmates?

Decide what you want from your new flatmates. Do you want them to become your friends? This might be the case, especially if you are new to the area. If so, you'll probably want your flatmates to be around the same age as you and share your interests.

Early birds or night owls?

If you have to be up early in the morning for work and like to go to bed at 10pm, you won't enjoy living with someone who works until late and gets home around midnight.

Tidy or messy?

Check out your new flatmates' views on housework. Different people have different standards. Be honest with yourself about how tidy you are and choose a flatmate who is similar.

Finally, it's important that you get on well with your new flatmates, so make sure you meet them all before you decide to move in. Imagine you're going to have three new flatmates. You meet two before you move in and really like them. But what if you don't meet the third until you move in then find out you don't get on? You don't want to have to move out and look for another new flat within a month!

To find your ideal first time flat share, visit our main website
www.northernirelandflatshare.co.uk

We also publish guest comments on all aspects of flat sharing, so if you'd like to share your experiences, email comments@northernirelandflatshare.co.uk

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Answer question 6 with a cross in the box . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

6 The main purpose of the information in this webpage is to:

- A advise the reader how to find a good flat in their area
- B inform the reader how to choose the right flatmates
- C encourage the reader to keep their flat clean and tidy
- D persuade the reader to live on their own in a flat

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

Answer question 7 with a cross in the box . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

7 According to Text B, which three of the following statements are correct?

- A Young people should stay at home with parents.
- B Young people can use a blog to share experiences.
- C Everyone has the same idea about housework.
- D It's cheap for people to rent a flat on their own.
- E People don't want to move flat every month.
- F Everyone should get up early and come home late.
- G People can find a flat to share by looking online.

(Total for Question 7 = 3 marks)

8 Using the information in Text B, identify **two** reasons why you might decide to share a flat with other people.

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2

(Total for Question 8 = 2 marks)

9 You are looking for a flat share and want to make sure you choose the right flatmates.

Using Text B, describe **two** things you might want to know about your future flatmates.

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(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)

10 Your friend has found a flat to share and does not think that he needs to meet all his future flatmates.

Using the information from Text B, suggest **two** problems that can happen if you do not meet all of your flatmates before you move in.

1

2

(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR TEXT B = 10 MARKS

TOTAL FOR SECTION 1 READING = 20 MARKS

SECTION 2: WRITING

Total Marks: 20

Complete both tasks

Task 1

Information

This is an advert for a bus company.

Going the extra mile for you
First class customer service
Highly experienced and friendly drivers
Modern and reliable buses
Free wi-fi
Comfortable seats

We believe we offer the best bus service in the business. We are keen to hear what we're doing well and if we can improve.

Contact us at joabbott@bestbusni.co.uk

Writing Task

You use the bus regularly. You are not happy with the service provided. You decide to **complain**.

Write an email to Jo Abbott at the bus company at joabbott@bestbusni.co.uk complaining about the service they provide.

In your email you should:

- explain when and why you use the bus
- describe your problems with the service
- say what you would like to happen next.

Remember to write in sentences and to use Standard English.

(10)

Begin your email on the next page.

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TOTAL FOR WRITING TASK 1 = 10 MARKS

Task 2

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Information

This is a notice asking students to write an article for a magazine.

Calling all students!

Northern Ireland's regional colleges and training suppliers are producing a magazine encouraging people to stay in education and training. Can you help?

We want current students and apprentices to write about their experiences in education and training and offer advice to people who are thinking about starting a course or an apprenticeship.

The best articles will be published in the magazine.

Writing Task

Write an article for the magazine to give **advice** to people thinking about starting a course or an apprenticeship.

In your article you should:

- give information about the course or apprenticeship you are doing
- explain why this is a good experience
- give advice to people thinking about starting a course or apprenticeship.

Remember to write in sentences and to use Standard English.

(10)

Begin your article on the next page.

TOTAL FOR WRITING TASK 2 = 10 MARKS
TOTAL FOR SECTION 2 WRITING = 20 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 40 MARKS

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