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English

Level 2

Component 3: Writing

18 –22 July 2011

Time: 45 minutes

Paper Reference

E203/01

You may use a dictionary.

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 **both** tasks.
- Answer the tasks in the spaces provided.
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- Dictionaries may be used.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 25.
- The marks for **each** task are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each task.*
- You will be assessed on spelling, punctuation and grammar in both tasks.

Advice

- Read each task carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to complete both tasks.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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There are **two** tasks which assess your writing skills.

Remember that spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed in **both** tasks.

Task 1

Information

Speeding traffic and road safety are becoming a major problem in the area. This is a real concern because on the road where the speeding traffic occurs are a primary school, a health clinic and lots of shops.



Writing Task

You are very concerned about this problem. Write a letter to Ria Lakhani, Head of traffic management at Estrick, Estrick County Hall, High Street, Estrick, EE2 24E.

In your letter:

- outline the problem
- explain the dangers to different groups of people.

You may add any other comments about this problem.

Remember to set your letter out correctly.

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Begin your answer on the next page



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(Total for Task 1 = 15 marks)



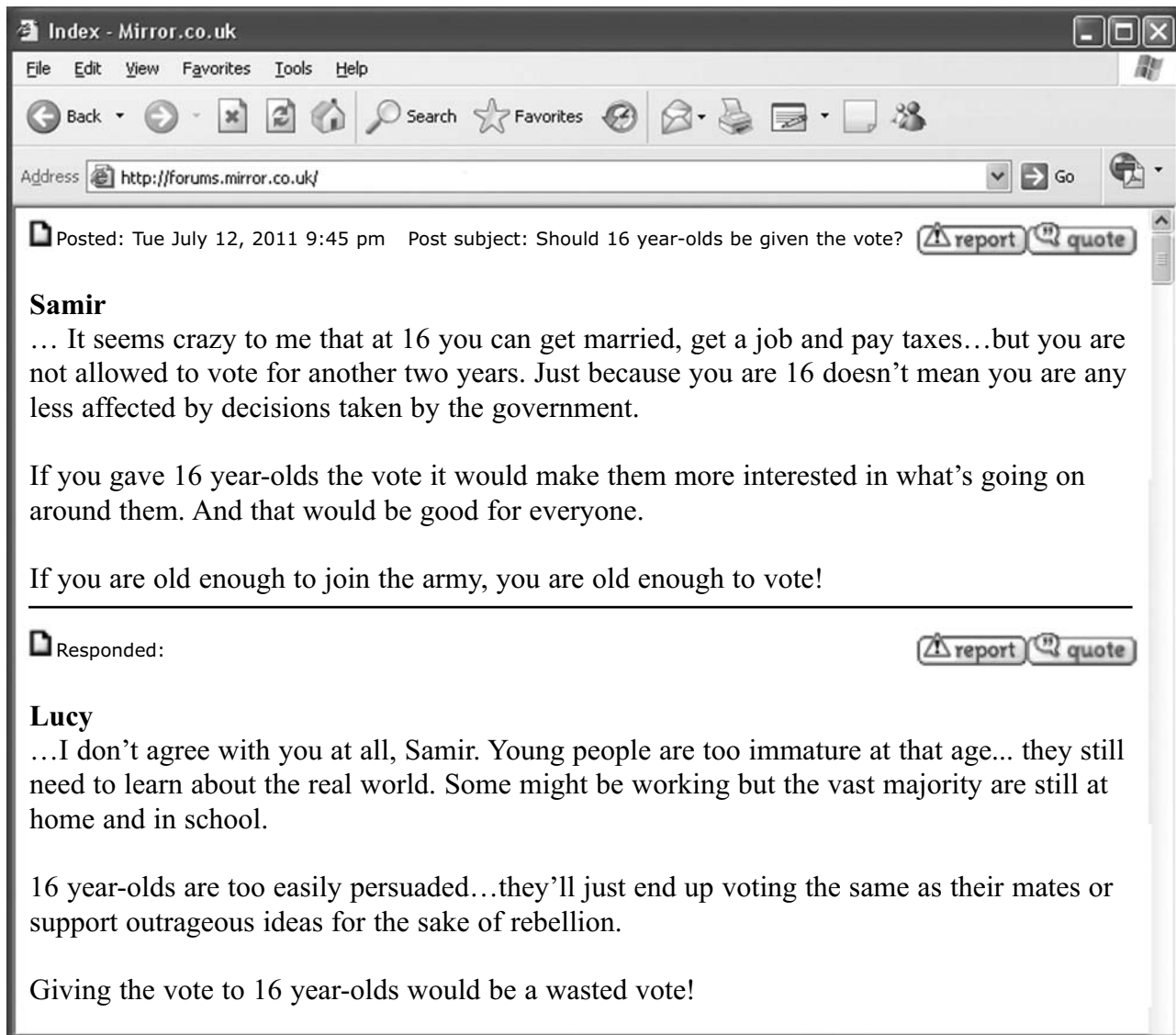
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Task 2

Information

Read the following contributions to an internet discussion on whether the voting age should be lowered to 16.



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Index - Mirror.co.uk". The address bar contains "http://forums.mirror.co.uk/". The page content shows a forum post with the following details:

- Posted: Tue July 12, 2011 9:45 pm
- Post subject: Should 16 year-olds be given the vote?
- Buttons: report, quote

Samir
... It seems crazy to me that at 16 you can get married, get a job and pay taxes...but you are not allowed to vote for another two years. Just because you are 16 doesn't mean you are any less affected by decisions taken by the government.

If you gave 16 year-olds the vote it would make them more interested in what's going on around them. And that would be good for everyone.

If you are old enough to join the army, you are old enough to vote!

Responded:

Lucy
...I don't agree with you at all, Samir. Young people are too immature at that age... they still need to learn about the real world. Some might be working but the vast majority are still at home and in school.

16 year-olds are too easily persuaded...they'll just end up voting the same as their mates or support outrageous ideas for the sake of rebellion.

Giving the vote to 16 year-olds would be a wasted vote!

Writing Task

Write your own message to this internet discussion forum giving your **detailed** views on whether the voting age should be lowered to 16.

Use complete sentences and write in standard English.

(10)

Begin your answer on the next page



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(Total for Task 2 = 10 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 25 MARKS

