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English

Level 1

Component 3: Writing

10 – 14 October 2011

Time: 45 minutes

Paper Reference

E103/01

You may use a dictionary.

Total Marks

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

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

You read this article in your local paper.

PARK TO CLOSE

The council wants to close the local park and sell the land to property developers in the new year.

The council argues that everyone will benefit from this decision. One hundred new houses will be built and, by selling off the land, thousands of pounds will also be available to improve services in the community.

According to Anne Roberts at the council, "We also hope to use some of the money from the sale to make the community a better place."

Nothing has been decided yet and the council is keen to find out what people think.

To make your views known, write to:

Anne Roberts, Head of Customer Services, County Hall, High Street, Estrick ES5 2ME.

Writing Task

Write a letter to Anne Roberts, Head of Customer Services, to give your views about the plans.

In your letter you should:

- explain why you are writing
- give your views about the plans
- give reasons for your views.

Remember to set out your letter correctly.

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Begin your letter on the next page.



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(Total for Task 1 = 15 marks)



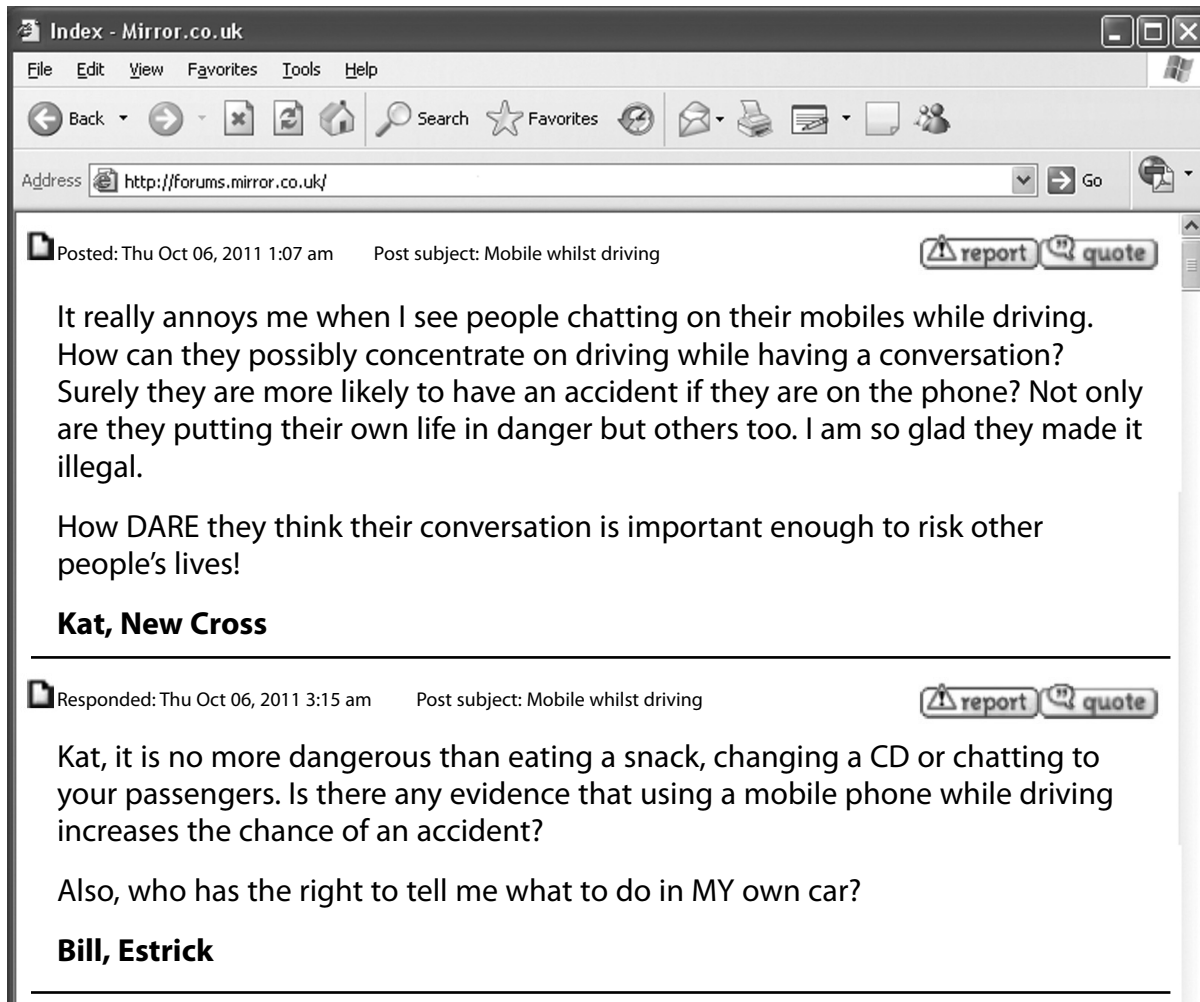
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Task 2

Information

Read the following contributions to an internet discussion forum on using a mobile phone when driving.



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

- Posted: Thu Oct 06, 2011 1:07 am
- Post subject: Mobile whilst driving
- Buttons: report, quote

The post text reads:

It really annoys me when I see people chatting on their mobiles while driving. How can they possibly concentrate on driving while having a conversation? Surely they are more likely to have an accident if they are on the phone? Not only are they putting their own life in danger but others too. I am so glad they made it illegal.

How DARE they think their conversation is important enough to risk other people's lives!

Kat, New Cross

Responded: Thu Oct 06, 2011 3:15 am

Post subject: Mobile whilst driving

Buttons: report, quote

The response text reads:

Kat, it is no more dangerous than eating a snack, changing a CD or chatting to your passengers. Is there any evidence that using a mobile phone while driving increases the chance of an accident?

Also, who has the right to tell me what to do in MY own car?

Bill, Estrick

Writing Task

Write your own message to the internet discussion forum, in which you give your own **detailed** views on the subject of using mobile phones while driving.

Use sentences and write in standard English.

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Begin your answer on the next page.



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(Total for Task 2 = 10 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 25 MARKS

