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Level 1

Component 2: Reading

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- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Sign the declaration.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*
- You do not need to write in sentences.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 20.
- 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.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Read Text A and answer questions 1 – 7.

Text A

You read this article.

A New Year – a new you?

by Gillian Peak

On 1st January, many of us make New Year's resolutions which we hope will change our lives for the better. We decide to take more exercise, make new friends, volunteer with a charity or a whole range of other things. With the start of a new year, we get a feeling of 'a new beginning' and our confidence is high (52% of us believe we will succeed). Unfortunately, 88% of New Year's resolutions fail.

The first day of January seems a good time to make a change. Making a New Year's resolution is traditional and goes back centuries. The previous year has ended and a new year has begun. We are hopeful for the future. We may plan to take up a new hobby, study harder, or try to become easier to live with. Whatever we decide, the aim is the same: we want a fresh start.

According to researcher Lucy Lloyd, most resolutions only last for 24 days and 35% of all New Year's resolutions are broken by the end of January. The fourth Friday in January is known as 'fall Friday' because that is the day when most resolutions are broken.

So why don't people keep their resolutions? Lucy explains, 'It takes between nine and thirty-five weeks to change a habit and many people lack patience. They give up too easily the first time they break the resolution instead of keeping going. The time of year may also be a factor. It is not easy to change what you eat during winter, and who wants to jog outside in the cold and frost? Maybe people make too many resolutions instead of just focusing on one.'

What can we do to improve our chance of success? 'Tell friends and family your plans and get their support,' suggests Lucy. 'That makes a big difference.'



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Answer questions 1 to 3 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 Text A is to:

- A describe the different New Year's resolutions people make
- B inform the reader about people failing to keep New Year's resolutions
- C encourage the reader to make a New Year's resolution
- D describe the history of New Year's resolutions

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 According to Text A, if you want to keep New Year's resolutions, you should:

- A volunteer for a charity
- B take up a new hobby
- C do more exercise
- D tell friends and family

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 According to Text A, which **one** of the following statements is true?

- A 24% of people expect to keep their New Year's resolution.
- B 35% of New Year's resolutions fail by the end of January.
- C 52% of New Year's resolutions start on the 1st of January.
- D 88% of people make a New Year's resolution.

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)



4 According to Text A, on what day are most resolutions broken?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

5 Paragraphs are one of the features of Text A that help to present information.

Name **two other** features of Text A that help to present information.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 5 = 2 marks)

6 Your friend does not understand why people make New Year's resolutions.

Using information from Text A, give your friend **two** reasons why people make New Year's resolutions.

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7 Your friend wants to know why people fail to keep New Year's resolutions. Using information in Text A, identify **two** reasons why people fail to keep their New Year's resolutions.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 7 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 10 MARKS

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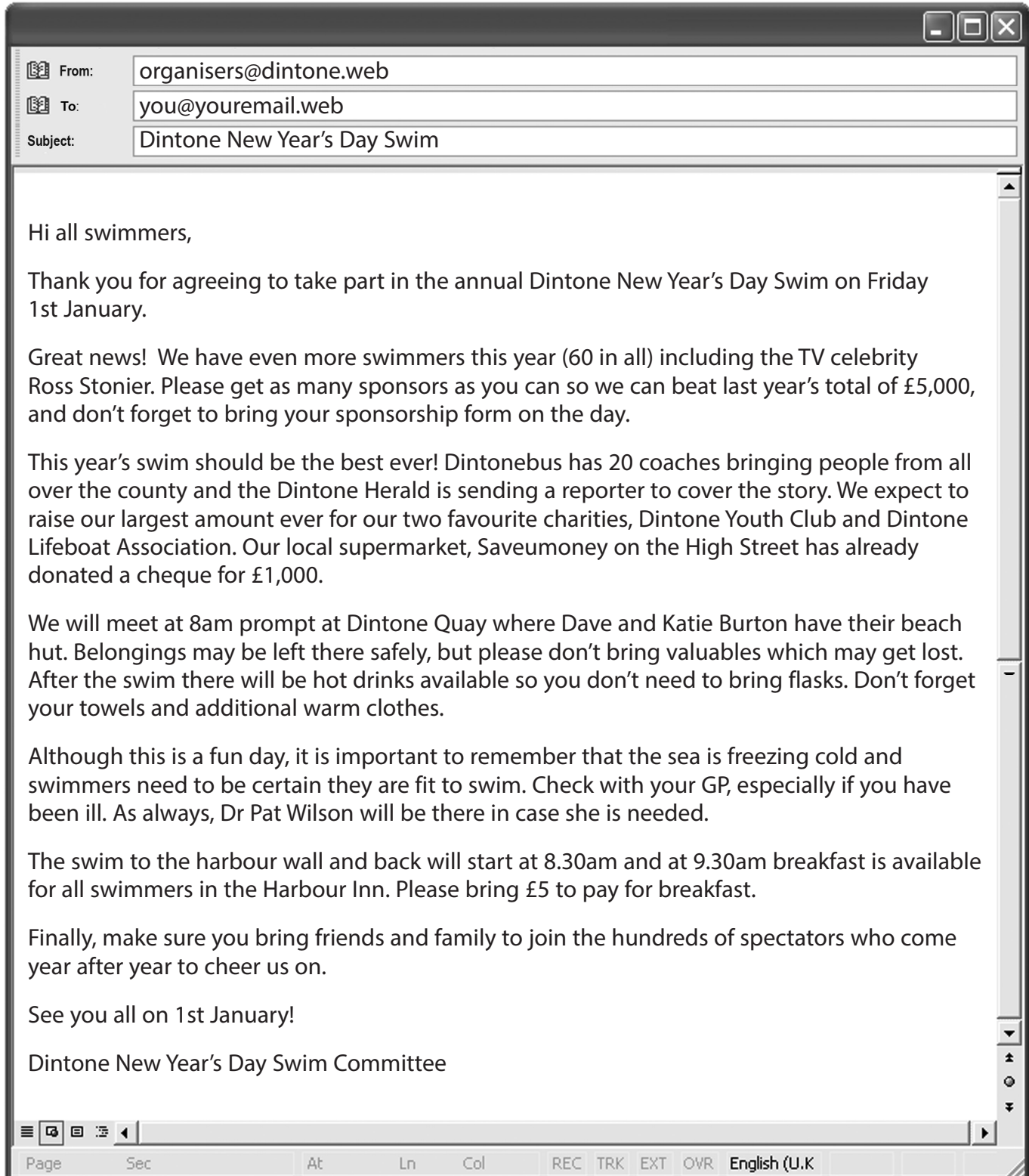


SECTION B

Read Text B and answer questions 8 – 13.

Text B

You read this email.



From: organisers@dintone.web
To: you@youreemail.web
Subject: Dintone New Year's Day Swim

Hi all swimmers,

Thank you for agreeing to take part in the annual Dintone New Year's Day Swim on Friday 1st January.

Great news! We have even more swimmers this year (60 in all) including the TV celebrity Ross Stonier. Please get as many sponsors as you can so we can beat last year's total of £5,000, and don't forget to bring your sponsorship form on the day.

This year's swim should be the best ever! Dintonebus has 20 coaches bringing people from all over the county and the Dintone Herald is sending a reporter to cover the story. We expect to raise our largest amount ever for our two favourite charities, Dintone Youth Club and Dintone Lifeboat Association. Our local supermarket, Saveumoney on the High Street has already donated a cheque for £1,000.

We will meet at 8am prompt at Dintone Quay where Dave and Katie Burton have their beach hut. Belongings may be left there safely, but please don't bring valuables which may get lost. After the swim there will be hot drinks available so you don't need to bring flasks. Don't forget your towels and additional warm clothes.

Although this is a fun day, it is important to remember that the sea is freezing cold and swimmers need to be certain they are fit to swim. Check with your GP, especially if you have been ill. As always, Dr Pat Wilson will be there in case she is needed.

The swim to the harbour wall and back will start at 8.30am and at 9.30am breakfast is available for all swimmers in the Harbour Inn. Please bring £5 to pay for breakfast.

Finally, make sure you bring friends and family to join the hundreds of spectators who come year after year to cheer us on.

See you all on 1st January!

Dintone New Year's Day Swim Committee

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Answer question 8 with a cross in the box you think is correct ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

8 The **main** purpose of Text B is to:

- A encourage the reader to join Dintone Swimming Club
- B explain the health benefits of the New Year's Day Swim
- C encourage spectators to become swimmers on 1st January
- D explain the arrangements for the New Year's Day Swim

(Total for Question 8 = 1 mark)

Answer question 9 with a cross in the two boxes you think are correct ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

9 According to Text B, which **two** of the following statements are true?

- A The Dintone New Year's Day Swim occurs every year.
- B Prizes will be handed out after the swim.
- C The Dintone Herald has already donated a cheque for £1,000.
- D The swimmers can have breakfast in the Harbour Inn.
- E 20 people are taking part in the Dintone New Year's Day Swim.
- F The swimmers should meet at 8.30am on Dintone Quay.

(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)



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10 Using Text B, identify **two** pieces of information which show that the organisers of the New Year's Day Swim take the health and safety of the swimmers very seriously.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)

11 Using Text B, identify **two** important things that you need to do on the day of the swim.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 11 = 2 marks)

12 Using information in Text B, identify **one** organisation which will benefit from the money raised at the New Year's Day Swim.

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13 Your friend cannot see the point of having a New Year's Day Swim.

Using Text B, identify **two** pieces of information to convince your friend that the New Year's Day Swim is a very successful event.

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(Total for Question 13 = 2 marks)

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