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English

Level 2

Component 3: Writing

9 – 13 October 2017

Time: 60 minutes

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Instructions

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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 **both** tasks.
- Use the spaces provided to complete your tasks
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Information

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- 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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Task 1

Information

You read this letter in your local newspaper.

Letter of the week

We are told that playing computer and mobile phone games is anti-social and can cause violent behaviour, but is this actually the case?

Recent research suggests gaming develops problem-solving abilities and creative thinking. Gamers can also develop their team-working skills and there is evidence that playing games improves reading and maths. It's time to bin our outdated views and recognise that gaming is good for us!

Moses Johnston



Writing Task

Write a letter to Zara Smith, The Editor, Virston News, Station Road, Virston VS10 3BP, responding to the letter of the week.

In your letter, you should:

- explain why you do or do not play computer games
- give detailed reasons why you agree or disagree with the views in the letter.

Use sentences and write in Standard English.

Remember to set your letter out correctly.

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Task 2

Information

Recently, your local council has received a number of complaints about the state of the town centre, particularly at weekends. You attended a meeting and made the following notes.

Issues include:

- anti-social behaviour and crime
- graffiti on local buildings, damage to property
- litter – attracts foxes, birds and rats.

Possible solutions:

- security cameras and more police on the street
- local volunteers to help clean the area
- more litter bins.

Writing Task

Write an article for your community newsletter, expressing your views on the issues raised at the meeting.

In your article, you should:

- comment in detail on the issues in the town centre
- describe possible solutions, including your own ideas.

Use sentences and write in Standard English.

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