



**GCSE**

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – Wales candidates only**  
**FOUNDATION TIER**  
**UNIT 1 (READING)**

A.M. TUESDAY, 5 November 2013

1 hour

### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Resource Material.

An 8 page answer book.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark available for this unit is 40.

The number of marks in brackets will give you an indication of the time you should spend on each question or part-question.

Answer **all** the following questions.

The **separate Resource Material** is a leaflet, 'Skipton Castle' produced by Skipton Castle.

The article on the opposite page, 'Exploring Skipton', is an account by Abby Cartwright.

Read the '**Skipton Castle**' leaflet and answer the following questions.

1. (a) List **two** wars mentioned in the leaflet. [2]
  - (b) List **two** areas of the castle where you may be terrified. [2]
  - (c) Who planted the yew tree in the Tudor court? [1]
  - (d) Who was the most famous prisoner held in the castle? [1]
  - (e) What time does the castle open on Sundays? [1]
  - (f) How much does a family ticket cost? [1]
  - (g) Which group of people can get into the castle for free? [1]
  - (h) What is the name of the forest closest to Skipton? [1]
2. How does the leaflet try to persuade you to visit Skipton Castle? [10]
- You should write about:
- what there is to see and do;
  - the words and phrases used to persuade;
  - how the pictures help to persuade.

Now read the article, '**Exploring Skipton**', on the opposite page.

Read the first five paragraphs (up to "... these trips can be in great demand.")

3. What does the writer think and feel about Skipton as a place to visit? [10]

To answer the next question you will need to look at the leaflet and the last two paragraphs of the article, 'Exploring Skipton'.

4. Compare and contrast what the texts say about Skipton Castle. [10]

Organise your answer into **three** paragraphs under the following headings:

- the people who work as guides at Skipton Castle;
- the dungeon at Skipton Castle;
- the Watchtower at Skipton Castle.

You must make it clear from which text you get your information.

## Exploring Skipton

Skipton is a traditional market town at the southern end of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, on the River Aire and also on the Leeds-Liverpool Canal. It developed around Skipton Castle, a Norman castle that is still the most impressive feature of the town. In the nineteenth century, Skipton developed into an important industrial centre producing cotton and wool. After the cotton and wool mills closed, its most important industry became tourism.

Today this beautiful town is full of places to visit and areas to explore. The town centre with its attractive cobbled streets is based around the canal, the castle and a thriving market right at its centre.

Skipton market is unique, dates back to medieval times, and is not to be missed. For many years the market was a place where animals were traded. Today, it offers a wide variety of stalls selling everything from traditional sweets and delicious homemade cakes to the latest fashions, gadgets and computer games. Market days are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday so those wanting to grab a bargain should visit on one of those days. Be aware, the market can become extremely busy and overcrowded so it is best to arrive early. Parking can also be a problem and the local streets can become very congested.

Skipton also has a very wide selection of facilities including numerous pubs, places to eat and shops. The Craven Court shopping centre, built 23 years ago, is one of Skipton's main attractions. Visitors from all over the country never cease to marvel at the magnificent glass-roofed arcade with its decorative ironwork, stout cast iron pillars and traditional stone floor. Here you can find some of the country's best known chain stores along with local specialist shops such as Dandelion Gifts and Isaac's Jewellers.

Another attraction not to be missed is the 130 mile long Leeds-Liverpool Canal which passes through the centre of Skipton. Tourists can take a gentle stroll along the towpath which runs alongside the canal. On a hot day there are many pubs and cafes where visitors can relax while enjoying the spectacular views. Alternatively, many barges and specialist boats offer trips along the canal where you may even experience a working lock and of course feed the local swans. Trips can be expensive for families so make sure you check out the price and the length of the trip carefully before stepping on board. It might be worth booking a trip in advance as these trips can be in great demand.

Watching over Skipton is the castle, one of the best-preserved medieval castles in Britain. Visiting this castle is a must, but it is only recommended on celebration days. The leaflet promises that guides dressed as soldiers will show you around the castle. Unfortunately, there are usually very few guides and many of these have little to tell you about the castle and its past. Dungeons often excite younger visitors, although the dungeons at Skipton Castle are a huge disappointment. They are poorly lit and damp. The Watchtower is an impressive part of the castle and it offers spectacular views. Be warned, the staircase is particularly narrow and quite steep. If you are feeling a little tired after the climb, the Clifford Tea Rooms are a great place to relax.

Skipton is well worth visiting. It offers a huge variety of attractions, and there really is something for everyone. To make the most of this picturesque town, make sure you plan your visit carefully and arrive early.

Abby Cartwright