

Paper Reference(s)

7161

London Examinations GCE

English Language

Ordinary Level

Specimen Paper 2

First examination June 2003

Time: 3 hours

Materials required for examination

Answer Book (AB16)

Items included with question papers

Text 1

Text 2

Instructions to Candidates

Answer ALL questions in Sections A and B and ONE question from Section C.

In the boxes on the answer book, write the name of the examining body (London Examinations), your centre number, candidate number, the subject title (English Language), the paper reference (7161), your surname, other names and signature.

Answer your questions in the answer book. Make sure your answers to parts of questions are clearly numbered. Use supplementary answer sheets if necessary.

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 100. The marks for each question are shown in round brackets e.g.(2)

The questions are based on the two texts inserted with this paper. You should spend 15 minutes reading these texts before answering the questions.

Advice to Candidates

Write your answers neatly and in good English.

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SECTION A

The following questions are based on Text One and Text Two.
You should spend about 40 minutes answering the questions in this section.

First, read Text One, an extract from a Survival Manual. It gives some tips on how to survive in the desert.

Now answer the following questions:

1. What **two** factors are essential in order to survive in the desert? (2)
2. What are the main points to remember if you are treating someone suffering from sunburn? (5)
3. "Walking at night in the desert? It's far too dangerous!" Find **three** reasons to convince the speaker that it is safe. (3)

Now read Text Two, an extract from a story about survival and building a fire in the snow.

4. After the first fire went out, why was it essential that the man should build a second fire? (3)
5. Why did the second fire go out? Select **three** reasons and use your own words as far as possible. (3)
6. The writer shows us how cold it is by describing the effect on the man's body and clothing. Choose **three** quotations which illustrate this, and say why you think each is effective. (Quotations may be from a few words to 20 words long) (6)

Now consider both texts.

7. Imagine you are making an adventure film about survival in an extreme climate. Which of these texts would provide you with better material for your film script?

You can choose either text, but you must explain your choice carefully and include reasons why the other text is less suitable. Use your own words as far as possible.

(8)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A: 30 MARKS

SECTION B

You should spend about one hour on this section.

Using ideas from Text One, imagine you have crashed your aeroplane in the desert and cannot be rescued for another three days. You only have enough food and water to last for two days. You need to light a signal fire.

Write your diary entries for the next two days showing:

- the problems you encounter
- your efforts to survive.

Write between 200 and 220 words.

TOTAL FOR SECTION B: 35 MARKS

SECTION C

You should spend about one hour on this section.

Write between **350 and 400 words** on **ONE** of the following:

1. Write a letter to a friend describing your unusual holiday or your visit to a strange or beautiful place.
2. ‘Explorers and mountain-climbers should not expect other people to risk their lives to rescue them when they get into trouble.’
Do you agree? Remember to give some reasons for your answer.
3. “Late again?” said the teacher. “What’s your excuse this time?”
“You’re not going to believe this, sir,” I said, as I limped painfully into the classroom.
Finish the story.

TOTAL FOR SECTION C: 35 MARKS

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To Build a Fire by Jack London in *The Penguin Book of American Short Stories*, edited by James Cochrane, Harmondsworth, 1969.
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