

Section B: Writing

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

Write in full sentences.

You are reminded of the need to plan your answer.

You should leave enough time to check your work at the end.

(24 marks for content and organisation)

(16 marks for technical accuracy)

[40 marks]

June 2020

Q05 'People have become obsessed with travelling ever further and faster. However, travel is expensive, dangerous, damaging and a foolish waste of time!' Write an **article** for a news website in which you argue your point of view on this statement

Nov 2019

Q05 'People protest about the cruelty of keeping animals in captivity, but they seem happy enough to eat meat, keep pets and visit zoos. All animals should be free!' Write an **article** for a magazine in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

June 2019

Q05 'It is people who have extraordinary skill, courage and determination who deserve to be famous, not those who have good looks or lots of money or behave badly.' Write a **letter** to the editor of a newspaper in which you argue your point of view in response to this statement.

Nov 2018

Q05 'Cars are noisy, dirty, smelly and downright dangerous. They should be banned from all town and city centres, allowing people to walk and cycle in peace.' Write a letter to the Minister for Transport arguing your point of view on this statement.

June 2018

Q05 'All sport should be fun, fair and open to everyone. These days, sport seems to be more about money, corruption and winning at any cost.' Write an **article** for a newspaper in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

Nov 2017

Q05 'Education is not just about which school you go to, or what qualifications you gain; it is also about what you learn from your experiences outside of school.' Write a **speech** for your school or college Leavers' Day to explain what you think makes a good education.

June 2017

Q05 'Parents today are over-protective. They should let their children take part in adventurous, even risky, activities to prepare them for later life.' Write an **article** for a broadsheet newspaper in which you argue for or against this statement.

Specimen 4

Q05 'Snow seems like it is picturesque, exciting and fun but in reality it causes accidents, inconvenience and economic disruption.' Write an **article** for a broadsheet newspaper in which you explain your point of view on this issue.

Specimen 3

Q05 'Floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and landslides – we see more and more reports of environmental disasters affecting the world and its people every day.' Write the text of a **speech** for a debate at your school or college in which you persuade young people to take more responsibility for protecting the environment.

Specimen 2

Q05 'Festivals and fairs should be banned. They encourage bad behaviour and are disruptive to local communities.' Write a **letter** to your local newspaper in which you argue for or against this statement.

Specimen 1

Q05 'Homework has no value. Some students get it done for them; some don't do it at all. Students should be relaxing in their free time.' Write an **article** for a broadsheet newspaper in which you explain your point of view on this statement.