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Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1)

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Morning (Time: 1 hour 15 minutes)

Paper
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English as a Second Language
UNIT 3: Writing

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **Questions 1, 2, and 3**.
- In **Question 2**, answer **either** option (a) **or** option (b) **or** option (c).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- Write your answers in full sentences.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- 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.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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(Total for Question 1 = 10 marks)



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Choose either Question 2(a) or Question 2(b) or Question 2(c).

EITHER

- 2 (a) You have been asked to write an article for the school magazine about how cities can be environmentally friendly.

In your article you **must**:

- write about **two** ways cities can be environmentally friendly
- write about **two** benefits to local people of cities being environmentally friendly
- explain how important living in an environmentally-friendly city is to you.

(20)

OR

- (b) You have been asked to write an article for the school magazine about how people might use online media to look for jobs.

In your article you **must**:

- write about **two** types of online media that people use to look for jobs
- write about **two** benefits of using online media to look for jobs
- explain how important online media is to you as a way of looking for jobs.

(20)

OR

- (c) You have been asked to write an article for the school magazine about schools treating students equally.

In your article you **must**:

- write about **two** benefits of schools treating students equally
- write about **two** ways in which schools might not treat students equally
- explain whether you think your school does enough to treat students equally.

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Remember to use a range of grammatical structures and vocabulary in your response.

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3 You are doing a project about different types of holidays.

Read the text below and write a summary for your teacher.

ARE HOLIDAYS ON A CRUISE SHIP FOR YOU?

Many people are not sure if they would enjoy a holiday on a ship sailing from place to place. So, what do you need to think about before deciding whether a cruise is for you?

Advantages of cruise holidays

Although it may seem like an expensive holiday, it's important to consider everything you get from a cruise and what you are actually paying for. The price you pay usually covers: meals, entertainment, activities and transport between different places. On a traditional holiday, these costs would be extra after paying for your flight and hotel. You may be pleasantly surprised at the outstanding value cruises offer.

Normally, if you want a holiday that includes visiting lots of places, you'll have to do a huge amount of planning and travelling on public transport, but that's not the case with a cruise. You can enjoy your travel time while being taken to the next destination. A wide range of activities is always available, so you don't have to look very hard to find an activity you will enjoy.

Cruise holidays appeal to lots of different people and the average cruise ship offers activities for everyone. If you're planning a family or a group trip, there will be something to keep everybody happy.

Disadvantages of cruise holidays

If you don't like fixed travel schedules and prefer to make decisions day by day, you might not like cruise holidays. You must get off the ship at a particular time to visit a place and you must leave at a set time to get back on the ship. There's very little flexibility.

If you love to spend some time at a new place, getting to know the local people and sites, then cruise holidays might not be suitable for you as you only have limited time on shore. Also, the majority of the trips that cruise ships offer focus on visiting locations that attract many tourists and these sites are usually expensive.

As cruise holidays are now very popular, the ships can become very busy. If you don't feel comfortable being around lots of people then think carefully about this. In addition, you have to be ready to wait in queues everywhere, from the dining halls to the lifts.

Although most cruise ships offer Wi-Fi, this may not be reliable and if you are the type of person who enjoys posting photos online, you may be disappointed. In addition, if you're travelling and hoping to do some work along the way, this may not be possible.

Are cruises for you? It depends on the type of person you are and what you are looking for in a holiday.



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In your summary you **must**:

- write about **two** advantages of cruise holidays
- write about **two** disadvantages of cruise holidays
- based on the points in the text, explain whether you would enjoy a cruise holiday.

You **must** use your own words where possible.

Remember to use a range of grammatical structures and vocabulary in your response.

Aim to write approximately **180** words in English.

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TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS



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