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First Certificate Sample Test

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WRITING

Part I

In your English class you have been talking about hobbies and free time. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write your essay using all the notes and giving reasons for your points of view. Write your essay in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.

	
Young people today spend too much of their free time playing video games. Do you agree?	
Notes	
Write about:	
1. things you can learn from video games 2. doing exercise 3. (your own idea)	

Part 2

In this part, you choose **ONE** writing part from four options: an article, an informal letter or email, a formal letter or email, a review and a report.

You have to write between 140 and 190 words.

You see this announcement on an English-language website. Write your answer in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.

Articles wanted

The best holiday I have ever had

Where was your best holiday, and who were you with?

What did you do, and why was it so good?

We will publish the best articles on our website.

Write your **article**.

Read the task. Write your answer in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.

Your local government wants to improve leisure facilities in your town. Your English teacher wants to know the opinions of the students at your language school. Write a report for your teacher, explaining what facilities there are already in your town and recommending new facilities that would benefit young people.



Write your **report**.

Read the task. Write your answer in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.

Reviews wanted

We are looking for reviews of online clothes shops. Write a review of an online clothes shop you have used recently. Explain what kinds of clothes it sells, how the prices compare to other shops and how easy it is to find what you want. Would you recommend this online shop to other people?

The best reviews will be published in next month's magazine.

Write your **review**.

You have received an email from your English-speaking pen friend Rob. Write your answer in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.

From: Rob

Subject: Festivals

Can you help me with a class project? I have to write about festivals in different countries, and the way people celebrate them. Can you tell me about your favourite festival in your country? What is it and when does it take place? How do people usually celebrate it? Why do you enjoy it?

Thanks,
Rob

Write your **email**.

Read the task. Write your answer in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.
You have seen this advertisement for a summer job.

Young people wanted

We are looking for enthusiastic, outgoing young people to work as team leaders in our summer camps, organising activities for children aged 7–12. You must get on well with children and be good at sport.

Please apply saying why you are suitable for the job and what qualifications and experience you have that would be useful in the job.

Write your **letter of application**.