

MEETING 20

A. Work in pairs. Read this Writing task and underline the things you must deal with in your answer. Then answer the question below.

*Write about the following topic.
The media should limit how much bad news the report because it discourages people from doing activities which usually involve very little risk.
To what extent do you agree with or disagree?
Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.*

Which of these things should you write about in your answer?

- a. Whether the media report too much bad news
- b. What you enjoy watching on TV and reading in newspapers
- c. If people are really affected by the news
- d. Which activities you think people should avoid
- e. If the media should limit the amount of news they report
- f. How much you agree or disagree with the topic

B. Match items 1-6 with items a-f

1. Although there are more and more channels,
2. I believe we should be informed about how politicians behave.
3. I find the radio distracts me when I'm working.
4. I like to buy a newspaper on Sunday,
5. Online newspapers are widely read.
6. Television news programmes should show pictures of disasters that have happened
 - a. even though many people find these extremely upsetting.
 - b. even though I can read it online for free.
 - c. However, I don't believe they will ever completely replace printed ones.
 - d. However, I find it entertaining when I'm driving or doing the housework.
 - e. On the other hand, I don't think we should be told details of their private lives
 - f. people spend less and less time watching television.

C. Read this Writing task and underline the things you must deal with in your answer.

Write about the following topic.

The media pay too much attention to the lives and relationships of celebrities such as actors, singers, or footballers. They should spend more time reporting the lives of ordinary people instead.

To what extent do you agree with or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write a plan for your answer, then write your complete answer. You should write at least 250 words in 40 minutes.
