

VSTEP WRITING TRIAL TEST

Time limit: 60 minutes

TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

You are going to stay with your English-speaking friend, Alex, for the weekend. Read part of Alex's email below.

It's great that you can visit me this weekend. A new activity centre has just opened near my house. Shall we go?

There's a climbing wall at the centre, or they can take us sailing on the river. The staff at the centre also take groups into the hills to go mountain biking. Which activity would you prefer to do?

I think we'll be tired on Saturday evening so maybe we should just stay in and do something. So what do you think we should do?

I'm so excited about your visit. Can your parents bring you to my house on Friday evening rather than Saturday morning?

Write an email responding to Alex. You should write at least 120 words. You do not need to include your name or address.

TASK 2

You should spend 40 minutes on this task.

Read the following extract from an article.

Using public transport has become familiar to everyone in Vietnam. Millions of people today are travelling by lots of kinds of public transport. Some people think that using public transport brings a lot of advantages to the society in general and to themselves in particular; others argue that they have to face disadvantages when using public transport.

Write an essay to an educated reader to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using public transport. Include reasons and any relevant examples to support your answer. You should write at least 250 words.