Part 1

You must answer this question. Write your answer in 220–260 words in an appropriate style. In the exam, write your answer on the separate answer sheet provided.

1 You have listened to a radio discussion programme about further education courses that should receive extra financial support from the government. You have made the notes below.

Which type of further education course deserves extra financial support from the government?

- · art
- sport
- · music

Some opinions expressed in the discussion:

'Art is a way to maintain a country's cultural heritage, so new artists are needed.'

'It's important that sportsmen and women represent the country internationally.'

'Music develops personal skills like co-operation and empathy necessary in the business world.'

Write an essay discussing two of the courses in your notes. You should **explain** which type of course deserves extra financial support from the government, giving reasons in support of your answer.

You may, if you wish, make use of the opinions expressed in the discussion, but you should use your own words as far as possible.

Write an answer to **one** of the questions 2–4 in this part. Write your answer in 220–260 words. In the exam, write your answer **on the separate answer sheet provided**, and put the question number in the box at the top of the page.

2 You have received a letter from an English friend.

I'm thinking about coming to live in your town for a while and learn your language! What kind of accommodation would I be able to get? And you know how keen I am on sport – any chance of learning a new one while I'm there? The problem is, I'll need to get a part-time job to pay for it all – is that going to be easy?

Let me know - it would be great if I could do it all!

los

Write your letter in reply. You do not need to include postal addresses.

3 You see this announcement on a media website.

Best TV series ever!

We want to find out what people think is the best TV series they've ever seen. Help us compile a list of the top ten! Submit a review of your own favourite TV series, explaining why it appeals to you and giving reasons why it should be included in our top ten list.

Write your review.

4 You see this announcement on your college noticeboard.

Language students – let us improve what we do for you!

Unfortunately, we can't spend much money, but we'd like to improve what we provide for our language students. Submit proposals to us explaining what is useful about the current facilities we provide, describe any problems you have with them and make recommendations for how we can improve them, giving reasons to support your ideas.

Write your proposal.