

Exam Practice Test 1

Writing Part 1

You **must** answer this question.

Write your answer in about **100 words** on the answer sheet.

Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Jude and the notes you have made.

EMAIL

From: Jude

Subject: Saturday trip to the beach

Hi,

I'm so glad you're coming to the beach with me and my family this Saturday! We want to set off from home by 10 a.m. Can your parents give you a lift to my house?

Me too!

No, because ...

Tell Jude

My mum's going to prepare some food so we can have a barbecue when we're there. We can bring meat or vegetarian food – which would you prefer?

What activities should we do when we're at the beach?

See you soon,
Jude

Suggest ...

Advice

This task is always in an email format so you must start the email with an appropriate greeting, e.g. Dear (name), Hi (name), and an appropriate ending, e.g. Bye, See you soon, Best wishes, All the best.

TIP

As you will notice in this example writing task, there are lines that go to certain parts of the text. Pay special attention to where the lines are pointing and the notes at the other end of the lines (Me too! / No, because ... / Explain which is better / Suggest ...). The notes are telling you what you need to write about.

Write your **email** to Jude using **all the notes**.

TIP

When you have written your email, re-read it and tick (✓) the notes to check you have included them all.

Choose **one** of these questions.

Write your answer in about **100 words** on the answer sheet.

Question 2

You see this notice in your school English-language magazine.

Articles wanted!

FRIENDSHIP

Write an article telling us how important it is for friends to have similar characters.

Do you think it's better to have lots of friends or just one best friend? Why?

The best articles answering these questions will be published next month.

Write your **article**.

TIP

For each point you make in your article, try to give an example or two.

TIP

Check your completed article includes all the points in the question.

TIP

Make sure you answer the Writing questions in about 100 words about the topic.

TIP

You should talk about your personal experience when writing the article. If you think about your own personal experiences related to the topic, this may help you when you are planning what to write.

Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story. Your story must begin with this sentence:

Morgan couldn't wait any longer to see what was inside the ancient box.

Write your **story**.