

Review

Look at the exam task below, then answer these questions.

- 1 What is the issue that you have to discuss?
- 2 How could each of the three points relate to the topic?
- 3 Which two of the three points are you going to focus on?
- 4 To what extent will you use the opinions expressed in the task in your answer?
- 5 Which of the two points you've selected will you say is more effective?
- 6 What reasons will you give in arguing that this point is more effective than the other one?

Follow the exam instructions, using the advice to help you.

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **220–260** words in an appropriate style.

- 1 Your class has listened to a radio discussion about how to help people live healthier lives. You have made the notes below:

Measures to help people to live healthier lives

- education
- legislation
- facilities

Some opinions expressed in the discussion:

"People need to know about the benefits of exercise and a healthy diet."

"There should be laws that totally ban unhealthy habits like smoking."

"The government needs to sponsor facilities to make them affordable for everyone."

Tip! Good candidates sometimes lose marks simply because they do not read the question carefully enough. Make sure you do exactly what you are asked to do.

Advice

Remember that 'education' can refer not just to education in schools but also, for example, to educating the public through media campaigns.

What other unhealthy habits, apart from smoking, might a government consider banning?

What legislation could encourage healthy habits (as opposed to just banning unhealthy ones)?

What sorts of facilities could help people to lead healthier lives?

Write an essay discussing **two** of the measures in your notes. You should **explain which measure is most likely to be effective, 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.

Look at each of the tasks below 2–4 and answer the questions.

- 1 Which task do you think would be the best one for you to choose?
- 2 What factors do you need to consider when choosing a task?

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Write an answer to **one** of the questions 2–4 in this part. Write your answer in **220–260** words in an appropriate style.

- 2 You have received a letter from an English friend:

... Before I come to visit you this summer, I'd like to learn some of your language. What advice could you give me about how best to learn a language? What do you think I'll find most difficult about learning your language? What do you think are the most important things for me to focus on?

Write your **email**.

- 3 The college where you study has funds available for an online subscription to newspapers and magazines. You decide to write a proposal to the College Principal recommending two publications the college should subscribe to. Your proposal should describe each publication, saying why a subscription would benefit students at the college. Your proposal should also explain which of the publications is the most useful, assuming there isn't enough money for both.

Write your **proposal**.

- 4 An international arts magazine has asked readers to send in reviews of live theatre performances **they** have attended. Write a review of a play or other performance you have recently seen at the theatre. Your review should briefly describe the performance and should comment on its strengths and weaknesses. You should also give your opinion on how good a venue the particular theatre where you saw the performance is.

Write your **review**.

Advice

2 Think about the style you need for an email to a friend. What sort of words would be appropriate? Would you use contractions?

3 In a proposal, it is important to be persuasive, but in a way that is as clear, rational and objective as possible. Headings may help you do this effectively.

4 A review has to interest readers from the start, so it is important to begin effectively – with a question, perhaps.