You will have 1 hour and 20 minutes to complete the writing part.

The first question (the essay) is required. On the following page, you will select only one question to answer--a letter, an article, a report or review.

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140–190** words in an appropriate style.

1 In your English class you have been talking about the value of learning a foreign language. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using **all** the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

Is it worth learning a foreign language?

Notes
Write about:

1. using a foreign language for work
2. using a foreign language for travel
3. ..... (your own idea)

Essential tips

Part 1

- Decide whether you think it is worth learning a foreign language and state your opinion clearly in the introduction.
- In the body of your essay you need to give reasons to support your argument. Use all of the topics in the notes and put each idea in a separate paragraph. Give examples of why you think (or why you don't think) it is important to learn a foreign language for the purposes of work or travel. You could also consider other people's points of view.
- Make sure you include **your own idea** on a third, related topic and use it to support your opinion. For example, you could say that learning a foreign language is also useful for communicating with friends of other nationalities.
- Summarise your overall opinion in the final paragraph.
- Check the length of your essay, your grammar, spelling and punctuation.

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Write an answer to **one** of the questions **2–5** in this part. Write your answer in **140–190** words in an appropriate style.

2 You see this notice on your school/college noticeboard:

> **What is your favourite possession?**
>
> Write an article for our student magazine about your favourite possession and say why it is special to you.
>
> We'll publish the most interesting articles in our magazine.

Write your **article**.

3 You have received this email from your English-speaking friend, Maria.

> **From:** Maria
> **Subject:** English course – activities
>
> Hi!
>
> I'm looking forward to the English course we've decided to do! There are classes in the morning and activities in the afternoon. We need to decide whether we do indoor activities, like swimming, or outdoor activities, like horse riding. What do you think we should choose? What kind of activities do you like best?
>
> See you soon!
>
> Maria

Write your **email**.

Essential tips

Part 2

- Decide which question you can answer best. Do you have ideas and vocabulary for any of the questions?
- Underline the key words in the instructions.
- Plan the different sections of your answer and decide on the main point of each paragraph.
- Spend some time making notes about each paragraph.
- Make sure your ideas are clearly organised. Every paragraph should be on one topic.
- Check the length of your answer, your grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Question 2
Use a neutral style. In your introduction you should say briefly what you are going to write about. Make sure you answer the question. Describe your possession in detail. Give some background information to explain what makes it special to you.

Question 3
Use an informal style. Thank Maria for her email and say that you're also looking forward to the English course. In the main body of your email, answer Maria's questions. You could ask Maria some questions, too, for example, does she agree with your choice? In your conclusion, say that you hope to hear from Maria soon. Should you use an informal or formal way to end your email?

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4 You see this notice in a popular English-language magazine called *Cinema News*:

> Have you seen any good films lately? If you have, write a review for our magazine! Include information on the plot and the characters, and say why you think the film is worth seeing.
>
> We will publish the best reviews in next month's issue.

Write your **review**.

5 *(for FIRST FOR SCHOOLS candidates only)*

Answer the following question based on your reading of **one** of the set books.

If the book you have read were made into a film, which character would be the most interesting? Write a **letter** to an English penfriend who has read the same book, saying which character you imagine would be most interesting in a film and explaining why. Do not write any addresses.

Essential tips

Question 4
You are writing for a popular magazine, so the style of your review could be semi-formal. Organise your ideas in paragraphs and make sure you answer all parts of the question. In the introduction, you could describe the film in general terms (What is the film called? What kind of film is it? Who directed it? Who acts in it?). The main body could consist of two or more paragraphs in which you should describe and comment on the plot and the characters. In the conclusion say why you think the film is worth seeing.

Question 5 *(for FIRST FOR SCHOOLS candidates only)*
The question asks you to think of an interesting character. You don't have to write about the main character. Your letter should be informal.

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