Understanding the task

1 Read this exam task and choose T (true) or F (false).

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend, Caitlin.

> *... I have a lot of schoolwork to do at the moment, but I try to relax by watching my favourite programmes on TV. I really like programmes about nature and animals. ... When do you usually watch TV? What kinds of TV programmes do you enjoy and why? What kind of TV programme would you like to appear in if you had the chance?*

Write her a letter and answer her **3** questions.
Write **100–120** words. Remember the rules of letter writing.

Remember

- Read the instructions carefully.
- The text given in the box comes from a letter from a pen friend. As you read it, imagine that your friend wrote those words to you.
- Before you write, quickly make a short plan with the ideas you want to include in your reply.
- As you write, follow your plan.

1 Your pen friend's name is Charlotte. T / F
2 Your pen friend wrote the text in italics in the box. T / F
3 This is the whole letter you received from your pen friend. T / F
4 You must ask your friend why she likes watching TV. T / F
5 You must tell your friend not to watch so much TV. T / F
6 Your pen friend has asked you three questions. T / F
7 You can choose which of your friend's questions you answer. T / F
8 You must write at least 120 words. T / F

2 Write an address, a date and a greeting to start your letter to Caitlin.

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.....Caitlin,

3 Tick the things you should do in the first paragraph of your letter to Caitlin.

1 thank her for writing ☐
2 answer her 3 questions ☐
3 say it was good to hear from her ☐
4 respond to some news from her letter ☐
5 give her advice on schoolwork ☐
6 explain why TV is a waste of time ☐

4 Choose the best opening paragraph for a letter to Caitlin. Why is it the best?

A Thanks for your letter. It was really great to hear from you. You sound busy, but it's good you also have time to relax.

B You asked me about TV. I watch TV in the evening after I do my homework. I enjoy watching TV because it is relaxing.

C I'm really busy at school, too. I have to do lots of homework every evening to prepare for the following day. Do you also have lots of homework?

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