
INTERNATIONAL GCSE

CORE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

9285/1

Writing

Specimen paper

07:00 GMT

Time allowed: 1 hour

Materials

You will need no other materials.

Instructions

- Answer all questions in **English**.
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked. Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 42.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

A blue and yellow train is crossing a bridge over a river. Large waves are crashing against the bridge structure, creating a significant splash. The background shows a row of colorful buildings along the riverbank.

Your description should be between 30 and 50 words.

[illegible]

You **must** include:

- Your blog should be between 70 and 90 words.

[illegible]

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Write an article in which you argue that education is the best and most important part of a young person's life.

You could argue:

- how going to school or college is an enjoyable experience
- why getting a good education is very important.

Your article should be between 100 and 150 words.

[18 marks]

[illegible]

END OF QUESTIONS

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