

IGCSE • CIE • English Language

 1 hour 2 questions

Practice Paper 2D

Total Marks

/80

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1 Section A: Directed writing

Imagine the government is considering scrapping GCSEs.

Write a letter to your local MP, giving your views on whether or not GCSEs should be replaced with a new system.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the views given in the text about the relevance of GCSEs.
- give your own views, based on what you have read, about whether scrapping GCSEs would be beneficial to young people.

Base your letter on what you have read in the **text**, but be careful to use your own words. Address both of the bullet points.

Begin your letter: "Dear Ms Arkwright... "

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 25 marks for the quality of your writing.

Blank lined area for writing.

(40 marks)

2 Section B: Composition

Answer **one** question from Section B.

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions.

EITHER

Describe a person walking in snow.

OR

Describe a remote house.

OR

Write a story that involves a long car journey.

OR

Write a story that that starts “It was such a strange feeling...”

Up to 16 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 24 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

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