

Write an article for a newspaper in which you argue that a place you know, which does not enjoy a great reputation, is the perfect holiday destination.

English Paper 1 & 2

Coursework: Analyse, Review, Comment....

Do one

Do not write so much for each piece.

Do more of the same...

Do three media pieces? Moving image, newspaper, adverts

Writing To

Focus on presentation devices.

Writing Tasks – Paper 1

Paper 1 Section B

Writing to Argue

Persuade

Advise (Advise not to...)

Levels of answer/Planning

Task

“School children should not be brought to school in a car.”

Write a letter to your local newspaper where you argue for or against this view.”

Purpose)

Audience)

Genre)

Underline

“Engage”

Plan

Discourse Markers

- ▶ firstly
- ▶ secondly
- ▶ additionally
- ▶ finally
- ▶ conversely
- ▶ however
- ▶ on the other hand
- ▶ whereas

Levels of answer – Basic

Dear Sir,

I don't think that parents should bring children to school by car because it makes them lazy. If children are always brought to school by car they will become very fat which is a real problem for a lot of children today. My mum and dad never bring me to school in the mornings but a lot of my friends do get lifts and they are always late so it doesn't do them much good especially when I have to catch two buses and walk a fair way as well. My best friend is never on time and he always gets a lift even though he only lives half a mile away from our school. This is bad for my friend who is already fat, but it is also bad for me because all of the cars at the front of school are a safety hazard. These

SS
PW
!?,.'

P=Paragraph

Levels of answer – Better

Dear Sir,

I am writing a letter to this newspaper for the first time, because I am really worried about the issue of parents bringing their children to school by car. I think that a law should be brought in to stop parents doing this because it does nobody any good.

Many people think that they are doing a favour to children by giving them a lift, but they are the ones who come off worst. If they always receive a lift, then they will become very unfit. I also think that these children who receive lifts will tend to put on a lot of weight. This can only be a bad thing for everyone.

Another bad thing about parents bringing their children to the school gates is that it makes the front of the school a dangerous place. Only last week a student at this

Levels of answer – Best

Dear Editor,

The vision of a people carrier spewing out a school of whalelike students is one that is repeated all over the country. It is my opinion that the local council needs to do something about this before someone really suffers, in addition to the unfortunate students.

Firstly, it is the students who suffer in this scenario. Having been driven to the very doors of the school, they never benefit from the pleasure of a morning's exercise on public transport. These trips can improve your sprinting when you try to catch them; your stamina as you have to stand the whole way and your vital capacity as you hold your breath to prevent the inhalation of cigarette smoke.

However, it's no joke. If we are to do something about the problem of the morning run, then we need to improve public transport. Is that really too much to ask in the 21st century? If other countries which we visit in Europe have far better services, then ...

Writing to persuade

- more one-sided than argument
- use a variety of persuasive arguments
- often uses “if – then’ formula
- Use: discourse markers
rhetorical questions
anecdotes
humour/satire
irony all within context
- try to anticipate opposition/objections
- achieve a varying emphasis
- show a growing subtlety of purpose

Writing Tasks – Paper 2

Paper 2 Section B

Writing to

Explain

Inform

Describe

Writing Task – Inform/Explain

Write to explain your choice of ideal holiday destination.

Write to inform someone of your choice of ideal holiday destination.

Writing Task – Answer 1

My ideal holiday destination is a deserted beach with no-one on it and palm trees in the background to give some shade. I would spend all day on the beach getting a good sun-tan but I would swim in the sea because I would like to swim with dolphins. After I have swum with these dolphins I would go back to my hotel room where I would meet my friends and we would go out for the night in the precinct that was attached to the hotel. It is important for me to have my friends with me because I am always there for my friends and I would like them to be there for me.

For my meals I would go to MacDonalds every night because I know exactly what I would order. I would order a Big Mac with fries and a regular Coke. We would then go to a disco and hopefully meet some fit lads.....

Writing Task – Answer 2

My ideal holiday destination is Florida. Florida is every holiday for everybody. I have always already been seven times, so I know how much there is to do in this particular state. Firstly, you can visit the theme parks, or the space centre. These places are both entertaining and educations, so they appeal to adults and children and alike.

Why else do I like Florida? Bizarrely, I also like Florida because of the weather. It rains really hard some times in August, but the weather is generally really hot and you can enjoy being outside all of the time. This is different from Britain where it rains and it is generally cold, as well!

An additional reason why I like Florida is that it is in America and I have always wanted to live in that country. Many people are anti-US at the moment, but I have always been a great fan of the American way of life since watching so many American films and television programmes, like 'Friends' and 'The Simpsons'.....

Writing Task – Answer 3

Rolling empty beaches with waving palm trees and inviting bars? A wide variety of theme parks with every conceivable white-knuckle ride in existence? Dolphin-infested waters populated by floating orange people? Not me. My ideal holiday destination would for be Iraq.

Iraq!

You must think that I'm absolutely mad. However, I would only visit Iraq at some time in the future when the allied forces had mostly gone home. I believe that such a visit would mark that the Middle East was no longer off limits for the more adventurous holiday-maker. It would also mean that I could find out for myself about Iraq and its people, in addition to visiting places as Nineveh and Babylon. Beats Miami and Marbella, doesn't it?

English Language 2011

GIVE FIVE EXAMPLES OF EACH AS BULLET POINTS

How does the writer use language to:

- Describe?
- to show the child, Honorin's, point of view?

How does the writer use language:

- to describe
 - *uses interesting verbs like 'skirted around' to show the hazards involved in collecting water
 - *using additional information in brackets
 - *certain nouns give an impression of the place, 'rice field,' 'villagers'
 - *noun phrases, adjectives, describing words to paint a picture: 'faraway field,' 'cool, fresh, clean,' 'newly dug,' 'laughing children.'
 - *comparisons 'Not the yellow water..sweet clear running water.'
- to show the child's (Honorin's) point of view?
 - *has the tone of a child's story. It is told in the third person, but shows her feelings and memories
 - *uses dialogue to show relationships 'Oh look. Baby sister, look..'
 - *mention of 'two other children'
 - *uses vocabulary and observations we might expect of a child, 'Worms wriggling in it,' 'horrible tasting'
 - *refers to the villagers as grown ups and charity workers as 'the people'
 - *uses simple vocabulary to express her thoughts, 'She thought that was nice'
 - *uses emotive language like 'frightened' to show she needs courage to speak to the people who visit the village to supply the well.