

Eduqas

GCSE
English Language

Marked Example Material
Component 2

Transactional Writing
Grades 5-9

	Communication and organisation 12 marks	Vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation 8 marks
Band 5	11-12 marks - shows sophisticated understanding of the purpose and format of the task - shows sustained awareness of the reader / intended audience - appropriate register is confidently adapted to purpose / audience - content is ambitious, pertinent and sophisticated - ideas are convincingly developed and supported by a range of relevant details - there is sophistication in the shape and structure of the writing - communication has ambition and sophistication	8 marks - there is appropriate and effective variation of sentence structures - virtually all sentence construction is controlled and accurate - a range of punctuation is used confidently and accurately - virtually all spelling, including that of complex irregular words, is correct - control of tense and agreement is totally secure - a wide range of appropriate, ambitious vocabulary is used to create effect or convey precise meaning
Band 4	8-10 marks - shows consistent understanding of the purpose and format of the task - shows secure awareness of the reader/intended audience - register is appropriately and consistently adapted to purpose/audience - content is well-judged and detailed - ideas are organised and coherently developed with supporting detail - there is clear shape and structure in the writing (paragraphs are used effectively to give sequence and organisation) - communication has clarity, fluency and some ambition	6-7 marks - sentence structure is varied to achieve particular effects - control of sentence construction is secure - a range of punctuation is used accurately - spelling, including that of irregular words, is secure - control of tense and agreement is secure - vocabulary is ambitious and used with precision
Band 3	5-7 marks - shows clear understanding of the purpose and format of the task - shows clear awareness of the reader / intended audience - register is appropriately adapted to purpose / audience - content is developed and appropriate reasons are given in support of opinions / ideas - ideas are organised into coherent arguments - there is some shape and structure in the writing (paragraphs are used to give sequence and organisation) - communication has clarity and fluency	4-5 marks - there is variety in sentence structure - control of sentence construction is mostly secure - a range of punctuation is used, mostly accurately - most spelling, including that of irregular words, is correct - control of tense and agreement is mostly secure - vocabulary is beginning to develop and is used with some precision
Band 2	3-4 marks - shows some awareness of the purpose and format of the task - shows awareness of the reader / intended audience - a clear attempt to adapt register to purpose / audience - some reasons are given in support of opinions and ideas - limited development of ideas - some sequencing of ideas into paragraphs (structure / direction may be uncertain) - communication has some clarity and fluency	2-3 marks - some variety of sentence structure - there is some control of sentence construction - some control of a range of punctuation - the spelling is usually accurate - control of tense and agreement is generally secure - there is some range of vocabulary
Band 1	1-2 marks - basic awareness of the purpose and format of the task - some basic awareness of the reader / intended audience - some attempt to adapt register to purpose / audience (e.g. degree of formality) - some relevant content despite uneven coverage of the topic - content may be thin and brief - simple sequencing of ideas (paragraphs may be used to show obvious divisions or group ideas into some order) - there is some basic clarity but communication of meaning is limited	1 mark - limited range of sentence structure - control of sentence construction is limited - there is some attempt to use punctuation - some spelling is accurate - control of tense and agreement is limited - limited range of vocabulary
	0 marks: nothing worthy of credit	0 marks: nothing worthy of credit

QUESTION 2.1 -
EXAMPLE 1

Lucifer - the ideal show for you!

Recently I watched the series Lucifer ^{its} about the devil who comes to earth to party and have fun, but things soon spiral as he falls in love with his human coworker, and she sees the truth...
(the detective)

All teenagers want a series they can easily watch whilst on their phone without having to focus full attention on a make belief story. I can guarantee this is the show that does that, the plot is simple: Devil comes to earth, joins police, falls in love with coworker, but she doesn't love him back, or does she? well i guess you'll have to find out
✓ by watching it.

The series shows how good fits with bad and how there is a fine line between being either. Obviously the devil (Lucifer) is the bad guy but everything bad he does is for
? | good reasoning. Ofcourse the detective doesn't realise this very quickly though.
~~Teenagers~~ ^{we} shouldn't watch this because it's teaching ^{us} ~~them~~ a lesson but this is just one of the benefits of the show, an underlying purpose. Even
exp | though the show is based off the Bible (devil, hell, heaven, angels) it's not a religious show and shouldn't be perceived as one.

- The show is rated 15 and is therefore targeted to people our age, and the creators sure know ~~what~~ what teenagers have and like. The show was originally ~~was~~ shown on Amazon Prime but after the creators had seen more teens use Netflix, ~~Amazon~~ Amazon Prime sold the show to Netflix so more people could see it. As well as the show being based around a mythical man obsessed with partying they link murder mysteries to the show as Lucifer becomes part of the police force and doing the good guys to punish the criminals of the city. Murder mysteries are the most popular type of film, book or series and a close second is mythical animals.
- The creators of Lucifer ~~very~~ thought of every single way they could to ~~get~~ get people our age to watch this show so i think you should check it out.
- In conclusion,
- Summer's coming and nobody ever has a clue of what to do when your filling the hours between BBQs, parties, group lunches or even on your lunch break at your weekend job. Lucifer is 45 minutes long and like ~~as~~ i said it's easy to pick up and listen to when you have a spare moment. I honestly believe you guys would love it
- ✓ So go give it a watch im sure you will get into it ~~im~~ immediately.

Clear understanding of purpose.

Some range and development of content.

Quite a few basic errors and occasional awkwardness.

7+3

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QUESTION 2.2 -
EXAMPLE 1

Dear Mr [REDACTED],

It has come to my attention that you've decided to scrap the idea of having an end of year celebration such as the prom. I believe that this shouldn't happen and I'm writing to you to express my views on your decision.

Firstly, Prom is to dress up nice and ~~easy~~ celebrate that you're finally leaving school. I agree with your belief that Prom is expensive but as a headteacher, don't you want to see your students have a good time before they leave school for good? Prom should be a time for your students to potentially say goodbye to each other as they may not see each other ~~as~~ due to them leaving for college. Also, wouldn't you like to have a final word with the students and give them a good

✓ Send off?

Secondly, If prom isn't to go ahead, what will the students do once they've left? They'll want to remember school for something, so why not remember Prom night? If you are to take Prom away, what will the students think of you? Surely, you'll want your students to remember you for the nice, considerate understanding person you are. If you are to stop Prom from going ahead, they'll just remember you for the kill joy headteacher that ruined Prom, now that's not what you want is it?

If some sort event like a party or prom doesn't happen, the school will get bad publicity on social media as the students are likely to have something to say about your choice on the internet.

✓ As a headteacher, surely you don't want your school to get a bad name on the internet do you? ~~If prom~~ If you do go ahead and decide to make Prom a option, you may get good publicity on social media as many photos will be uploaded, making the school look good on your behalf.

Overall, if you don't have an end of year celebration, what will the students last memory of you be?

Surely it won't be a good one.

As the headteacher, hopefully you'll make the right decision and have an end

of year celebration. By reading this letter, I hope you make the right choice on the celebration.

Yours sincerely

Clear awareness of intended audience.

Points to support opinions have some development.

Sentence structure is varied with some control.

7+4

11

QUESTION 2.2 -
EXAMPLE 3

Avengers End Game Truly Ended Me

What can I say that hasn't already been said about this blockbuster of a film. From the witty comedy to the tear-jerking final hour, this film had everything you'd expect from a superhero movie that's been ten years in the making. And just a heads up, this review will contain spoilers but if you really wanted to see it, you would have by now.

End Game is the best and largest interconnected film in the Marvel ~~B~~ Cinematic Universe, or MCU. Featuring characters from every film across the eleven years Marvel Studios has been around already makes this film amazing. // Casual movie go-ers may understand certain references or call-backs to previous movies, such as Black Widow and Hawkeye comparing their mission to Budapest, a nod to the 2012 Avengers. These sneaky jokes make this film one of the funniest and clever. However, serious MCU fans can pick up on the smaller, less obvious details that may fly past the heads of some viewers, such as Thanos' double-edged blade being a larger version of the one he gave Gamora as a child. These little easter eggs are what makes this film worth the watch and rewatch.

Now lets discuss the ending and final hour of this three-hour extraganssa (yes

it is three hours long). Personally, I thought the ending was perfect (after I'd finished crying that is). Tony, or Iron Man, sacrifices himself to 'dust' Thanos and his army. This fits his story arc perfectly as he gradually changed throughout the MCU from an arrogant, egotistical millionaire to a loving, caring father willing to do anything to save his family. However, some MCU fans wouldn't agree with me, either because they're butt hurt or they think it should have been someone else. But this is my review and I think the ending was perfect. ✓

Another touchy subject in End Game is Nat's, AKA Black Widow, 'death'. In order to get everyone back, the Avengers (or ~~what's~~ what's left of them) must travel back in time to ~~get~~ get the Infinity Stones. Nat and Clint (Hawkeye) travel to Vormir and are tasked with the Soul Stone. But if you've seen Infinity War, you know the only way to get them is to sacrifice a soul ... for a soul. In a bid to get everyone back, both Nat and Clint vote to sacrifice themselves. They fight with Nat eventually clipping Clint to a rock and letting go, falling to her death. Again, like with Tony, I cried, but thought her death ended her story arc as she owed Clint for saving her life so saved his. But like with any death, people are still going to be angry. This twist really motivated me to continue until

the end of the film.
To conclude this: Go. See. The. Film. It is
amazing. If I had to score it out
✓ of 10, it would get a 10.

Consistent understanding of purpose and of the intended audience.
Content is quite detailed.
Some errors but a decent level of control overall.

8+5

13

QUESTION 2.1 - EXAMPLE 2

Write the two digit question number *inside* the boxes next to the first line of your answer

Answer

Leave blank

2 1



10th June 2022

Waterlooville news
Waterlooville
Hampshire
PO7 5UB



Dear Sir / Madam,

I recently read your newspaper in which you ~~disc~~ discussed your views on zoos and animal parks. I am writing to you today to tell you how I agree with what you wrote and my on views on the subject.

I believe that it is indeed wrong to ~~to~~ keep animals locked inside ~~enclos~~ enclosures all day just to be stalked over and disturbed by children and their families. ~~Instead~~ Wild animals need to be in the wild where they can live out their lives. Animals such as lions or alligators are predators, they need ~~to~~ hunt as it is in their nature. ~~And~~ and they can't do so



If they are stuck in small cages. After all, how would you like it if you were forced to live in a cage and go against all of your natural instincts?

On one hand, it is important to keep these endangered species safe and to breed them so they don't go extinct, but how about we look at one of the main reasons they are endangered: pochers. It is because of human greed these animals are dying and it should be humans that are punished - not ~~at~~ animals! It is recorded that around 82% of wild animals die yearly because of pochers and I think it is absolutely ~~ridiculous~~ ridiculous. These people need to be stopped, and I believe, to do so, we should have people to guard and protect these animals in the wild and not in a small glass cube.

I think that it is ~~in fact~~ in fact cruel to stick animals in an unnatural environment for our own ~~amusement~~ entertainment. By sticking these ~~pr~~ beautiful creatures in zoos or animal parks we are stripping them of their importance and turning them into



write the two digit question
number *inside* the boxes next
to the first line of your answer

Answer

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human play toys and it is
absolutely disgusting. In the
twenty-first century animal
cruelty is wrong in all cases,
we look down on those who abuse
their pets and those who
experiment on them. So how is
this any different? These animals
deserve freedom in the wild,
just like you put it "zoos and
animal parks are not important
in the twenty-first century"

I would like to thank you for
taking the time to read my
letter and I wish that you
continue to spread your message
as people need to know how
wrong it is.

Yours Faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

shows consistent understanding of the purpose of the task

shows clear shape and structure in the response

expression is mostly clear and fluent

Mark: 8 + 5 = 13

- Band 4 C+O and Band 3 VSSSP
- shows consistent understanding of the purpose of the task and builds and develops quite persuasive arguments in a response that has a clear shape and structure.
- expression is mostly clear and fluent, although there are a few basic spelling and punctuation errors.
- to gain a more secure mark in the band for C+O, parts of the response could be developed with greater detail and sophistication.

QUESTION 2.2 - EXAMPLE 2

2.2 I live in Idle. A small town in Bradford, West Yorkshire. Idle is an old town and I have lived here all my life. I love Idle and I think I will be saddened when I have to leave to study at University.

Idle is a very old town. The church built here was built in Georgian times and the house I live in was built in the late 1800's. The old town records are very well kept and each building has history of its own. If you want to know about a building's history someone from the church ~~may~~ know more or even the person who lives or works in that building!

The people of Idle are some of the most friendly and outgoing in all of Yorkshire and if you ever don't know where to go or need a recommendation for a restaurant, they are more than happy to help, and will probably talk to you for a very long time!

Idle also has its own High Street full of independent shops, pubs ~~are~~ and a historic fish and chip takeaway. There are florists, beauty parlours, tattooists, multiple pubs and Towngate Fisheries which has been serving up



famously good fish and chips for over a century. My go to order is haddock with chips, Scaps, gravy and lots of salt and vinegar! Idle also has its own village square in which community events are often held, more pubs are open and speciality bakers operate with ~~big~~ great success stories.

However, Idle does have an above-average crime rate which saddens the close-knit community at every occurrence. However, people band together and support one another when times are tough. Finally, the weather is very rarely good and most days are cloudy and roughly an awkward 10 degrees. Too cold for shorts but, I find, too warm for large jackets and bulky clothing. However, the pubs are always packed rain or shine, especially when England are playing! When the sun does finally shine we make the most of it with barbecues, parties and music.

~~th~~ I hope this convinces you to come and experience Idle and so that I can share the fantastic community I ~~eat~~ proudly call home, with you.

shows consistent understanding of the purpose of the task

written with an easy, confident style

Mark: 9 + 5 = 14

expression is clear and fluent

- Band 4 C+O and Band 3 VSSSP
- shows a clear understanding and engagement with the task. Written in an easy, confident style that gives a good mix of information and personal opinion.
- expression is clear and fluent, but with a few basic errors.
- to access the next grade, some aspects of the article (such as the town's architecture, a focus on one or two of the independent shops, an example of one of the community events and so on) could be further developed.

QUESTION 2.1 - EXAMPLE 3

The Best Way To Spend A Saturday

12th January 2023

Weekends are great aren't they? Everybody loves them - including us! That's why we're going to tell you how to make the most of your Saturdays. We believe that Saturday should be a day free from revision and stress that encourages you to unwind and relax. In order to free up your day however, it is necessary that you make up the uncompleted revision whether it be on Friday or Sunday or both.

Fantastic Fun With Friends:

After the stressful, exam-packed week is over you deserve a day worth all the struggle, don't you? ~~After~~ One of the best ways to unwind is spending some time with your closest friends. Some ideas are: going to town, playing a sport or going shopping. Going to town can be great. You and your friends can meet in the town centre and the possibilities are

limitless. You never know who might be in town! After you can get something to eat and have a leisurely walk about the town. If this doesn't appeal, how about playing some sports? Whether it is football or terrific tennis - you'll be sure to love it! Playing sports with friends allows you to maintain adequate fitness whilst enjoying yourself. It's great. If you've got money to spend - why not shopping? Pick a large town or city and explore the vast shops with your friends. The intricate architecture and the never ending selection of products to buy will blow you away. Whether you spend your time playing sports or shopping or going in to town, undeniably you should do it with friends. It is healthy to socialise and greatly improves your mental health.

Lazy lounging at home:

Exhausted after a long week at school? Don't worry - you can still enjoy your day without leaving the house. Having a lazy day at home can have many benefits. It will rest your body and increase its ability to function to the best of its ability in the following week at school. If you're willing, you can do a few hours of revision - this will make school life a lot easier! Or instead you could play online with your friends from the comfort of your own home. Whatever you decide to do, make sure you enjoy it. Saturday should be a day to recharge batteries, and to celebrate the completion of another school week.

Conclusion:

To conclude, we believe there are many ways to spend your Saturday and we are only able to list a few. Whether it involves going out or staying in - do what your heart desires! The most important thing is a healthy mind and we all believe a relaxed Saturday can help you achieve it. ✓

Written with an easy, confident style.

Secure awareness of intended audience.

Secure control / few errors.

9 + 6 = 15 marks

QUESTION 2.1 - EXAMPLE 3

to the first line of your answer

2 1



10th June 2022

Newspaper
Paper Lane
London
AB1 23C



Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to address an article that I have recently read, ^{focusing on} ~~addressing~~ the controversy that is ~~of~~ animals being kept in zoos. To claim that zoos and animal parks are not ~~needed~~ necessary in this day and age is quite simply ridiculous.

It is blatant ~~that~~ that wild animals, traditionally, belong in their ~~wild~~ ^{natural habitat} and that taking them out of their habitat may be cruel. However, this is not the case, ~~take wild the case~~ and for ^{various} ~~many~~ reasons.

Firstly, conditions for animals in the wild are only getting tougher and tougher, much of this due to human activity. For example, climate change is leading to rapid change in natural conditions such as temperature and water availability. These poor animals simply cannot adapt fast enough to survive. It is our fault ^{are} the creatures ~~are~~ in this position. It is our ^{duty} ~~responsibility~~ to save them; zoos can do this.

Furthermore, bringing animals into zoos is only bringing them into a safe, happy home. Out in the wild various animals such as elegant elephants and as well as tigers and rhinos face their ^{great} dangers of poachers. ~~The~~ Throughout the years, poachers have reduced numbers of animals drastically. It is estimated that they have ~~reduced~~ ruined slaughtered 78% of the black rhino population. When in zoos, this risk for animals is totally eliminated. Zoos bring security for animals.

Finally, ~~also~~ it is a growing concern that biodiversity is reducing in the world. Biodiversity is ~~the~~ the key to the survival of all of the planet and without it, the ~~whole~~ Earth would come to great destruction and mass extinction. Zoos maintain this biodiversity by keeping a

Write two short questions
per *Inside* the boxes next
a first line of your answer

Answer

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wide range of animals safe. Zoos only do good for the world. Not only the animals, but also us as humans.

So although zoos can be seen as ~~cruel~~ cruel, ~~place~~ money-making businesses, they are in fact very important. ~~Yes~~ As an animal enthusiast myself, I believe that so long as run in a the correct, loving manner, zoos are more than amazing.

~~I~~ I hope ~~there~~ that this message can be spread to eliminate the bad name of zoos.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

sophisticated shaping and structuring of the response

sentence structure is varied and controlled

shows sophisticated understanding of the purpose of the task

Mark: 11 + 6 = 17

- Band 4/5 C+O and Band 4 VSSSP
- shows a sophisticated understanding of the persuasive nature of the task. Arguments are developed and sustained very well with convincing details and examples.
- control is secure and sentence structures are varied and controlled. However, there are a few basic errors.

QUESTION 2.2 - EXAMPLE 3

to the first line of your answer

The man 'se/flesse' ✓
 alone herself, this ex-
 of binary

The writer creates the impression that Jola is
 a hero, this is shown in the quote 'fight
 of rescued lives'. The verb 'rescued'
 suggests that without Jola's aid the soldiers
 would have died this suggests she is a
 hero.

22

12th January 2023

Dear the Editor of the Strand Times,

I am writing to you today to discuss the
 positive and negative consequences that enforcing a
 period of voluntary work on young people would cause.
 Whilst this work may provide the youth with
 vital work experience, the scheme will be met with

✓ the shock caused by the long, unrelenting hours of their first jobs. It will also provide them with work experience that can be included on their resumes, increasing the chance that they will be selected for ~~the~~ a position within an affluent organisation. Finally, this scheme will have a resounding effect on the social aspects of local communities. Small businesses and the elderly are often aided during voluntary work. Due to these factors I believe the scheme could have an incredibly positive effect. ✓

However the scheme does also pose some negative consequences. The letter suggests that the period of voluntary work should start when the students leave school. This will be ineffective for multiple reasons. Initially, a proposed period of voluntary work will be met with a negative response from the majority of young people. The outlook on this scheme will be that of a punishment rather than a beneficial idea. Any labour conducted by young people is expected to be paid for - meaning many people will see this as pointless. Due to the Ukraine crisis the economy in the ~~the~~ UK has been forced to fluctuate ~~in~~ in an unpredictable manner. This means the prices for clothes, food and necessities have vastly increased. Even with a ^{an} job, young people struggle to afford these items so I believe a period of unpaid work is not a good idea. ✓

To conclude, I believe this scheme will result in both positive and negative consequences. However I believe the negative consequences outweigh any.

benefits this idea would pose. Due to the unstable economy and constant inflation of prices of necessities, this ~~long~~ period of voluntary work is ~~very~~ unbeneficial and a waste of time. In order for this scheme to ~~succeed~~ succeed, the work should instead be paid for. I hope you consider these points in your ~~final~~ decision.

Yours faithfully,



Shows sophisticated understanding of purpose.
Written with ambition and sophistication. (10/11)
Secure control and accuracy.

11 + 8 = 19 marks