



FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH
for Schools

Writing

SAMPLE TEST 5

Time 1 hour 20 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer the Part 1 question and one question from Part 2.

Write your answers on the answer sheet.

Write clearly in **pen**, not pencil. You may make alterations, but make sure your work is easy to read.

You **must** complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question in this paper carries equal marks.

Writing • Part 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140 – 190** words in an appropriate style on the separate answer sheet.

- 1** In your English class you have been talking about school holidays. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay for homework.

Write your essay using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.



Some people think that school holidays are much too long. What do you think?
Notes Write about: 1. the effects on schoolwork 2. the need for a break 3. (your own idea)

Writing • Part 2

Write an answer to **one** of the questions 2 – 4 in this part. Write your answer in **140 – 190** words in an appropriate style on the separate answer sheet. Put the question number in the box at the top of the answer sheet.

- 2** You see this notice in an international magazine for teenagers:

Articles wanted

Being my age – the good and bad things about it!

Do you like being the age you are now? Is there anything difficult about being your age? What do you think is the best age to be?

The best articles will be published next month.

Write your **article**.

- 3** You have received this email from your Canadian friend, Michelle. Write an email to Michelle, answering her questions.

My parents never let me choose the clothes I want to wear and the shops they take me to are really old-fashioned. I don't think that's fair, do you? How much choice do you have about the clothes **you** wear? Where do you go to buy them?

Let me know!

Michelle

Write your **email**.

- 4** You have seen this announcement in an international magazine for schools:

Stories wanted

We are looking for stories for our new English-language magazine for teenagers. Your story must **begin** with this sentence:

Mick was on the lake in his boat, when he suddenly saw something strange.

Your story must include:

- a challenge
- a decision

Write your **story**.

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