

English Equivalency Test – Sample Paper 2018

Candidates require this question paper, a separate newspaper cutting, and writing paper

ANSWER BOTH QUESTIONS; THEY ARE WORTH THE SAME MARKS.

Marks will be awarded for the quality of your expression, including the tone, appropriateness, structure and accuracy of your language. Spelling, grammar, vocabulary and punctuation will all be taken into account.

The first piece is a personal or creative piece of writing. The second is more formal. You should try to reflect this difference in the way you write.

Dictionaries may NOT be used.

Don't forget to allow yourself reading time for Question 2.

QUESTION 1

Write an essay on **ONE** of the following:

1a

Difficult Choices

Write an account of a difficult choice which you have faced in your life. Explain how you resolved it. You can write about more than one such event if you wish.

Or 1b

The First Time

Write a story (true or otherwise) with this title.

Or 1c

A New Career

Explain why you have decided to apply for a new training course and describe some of your feelings about this development in your life.

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QUESTION 2

*Please read the newspaper article which is on a separate sheet, called **Children still delight in playground games**. The article was first published in *The Guardian*.*

Write a **letter** in response to this article, **to be published in the Letters Page of the newspaper**. You should engage with some of the issues raised and express your opinions. You might want to comment on whether trends described in the article are pleasing or surprising to you and you might want to offer a view on whether the research described was worth £6000,000

Remember that this is a formal letter, written for publication as part of a serious debate.

Please note that marks will be awarded on the clarity, appropriateness and persuasiveness of your letter rather than on expert knowledge of the issues or the particular opinions you express.