English test

Writing paper

Please read this page, but do not open the booklet until your teacher tells you to start.

Write your name and the name of your school on the front cover of your answer booklet.

- This paper is 1 hour and 15 minutes long.
- You should spend: 45 minutes on Section A: longer writing task
  30 minutes on Section B: shorter writing task
- You may spend the first 15 minutes planning your answer to Section A on the planning page provided.
- Section A, the longer writing task, has 30 marks.
- Section B, the shorter writing task, has 20 marks.
Rescued

Imagine you are an explorer who travels to faraway places.

On your last trip, things went wrong and you lost contact with the outside world. After two weeks you were found, and now a magazine wants you to write about your experience.

Below is what the magazine asks for:

Start at the point when you knew things were going wrong.

Include details about:

- the difficulties you faced before you were found;
- how you felt at each stage;
- how the whole experience has affected you.

We want our readers to share the full drama and excitement of your experience.

Write the story of your experience, from the point when things went wrong to when you were found.

30 marks
Longer writing task

Planning page

You can use this page to make notes for your magazine story.
(This page will not be marked.)

when things went wrong

difficulties faced and feelings at each stage

how it has affected you

Turn over for the shorter writing task
Section B

Shorter writing task

Party, please!

Your year group wants to hold an end-of-term party in the school hall, but your Headteacher is not sure it is a good idea, considering what happened last year. You need to write a letter on behalf of your year group to persuade the Headteacher to give you permission.

Your classmates make some suggestions for what you should write:

- Say what arrangements we will make.
- Promise we will behave well and make sure things go smoothly.
- Give reasons why we deserve it.

Write your letter to persuade the Headteacher to let your year group have the party.

Do not include an address.

20 marks including 4 marks for spelling