



GCSE

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THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2024 – MORNING

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

UNIT 2

**Reading and Writing: Description,
Narration and Exposition**

**2 hours plus your additional time
allowance**

Surname _____

First name(s) _____

Centre Number _____

Candidate Number 0 _____

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	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Section A (Reading)	40	
Section B (Writing)	40	
Total	80	

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Resource Material.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the front cover.

Answer ALL questions in Section A and Section B1.

Select ONE title to use for your writing in Section B2.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet, taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

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You may write your answers on a separate answer sheet if preferred. If you use a separate answer sheet, write the question number at the start of each answer.

You are advised to spend your time as follows:

SECTION A

- reading – about 10 minutes**
- answering the questions – about 50 minutes**

SECTION B1

- about 10 minutes**

SECTION B2

- planning – about 10 minutes**
- writing – about 40 minutes**

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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Section A (Reading): 40 marks

Section B (Writing): 40 marks

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

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SECTION A (Reading): 40 marks

In the SEPARATE RESOURCE MATERIAL there are five texts on the theme of ‘Rail Travel’ labelled TEXT A–E. Read each text carefully and answer ALL the questions below that relate to each of the texts.

TEXT A

- A1. How much money has been spent on the Arriva Trains Wales makeover to Valley Lines Trains? [1 mark]**
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A2. What is meant by the phrase ‘modernise and refurbish’ in this text? Write the number of the correct meaning. [1 mark]

- 1. to make the train carriages clean and sparkling**
 - 2. to paint the train carriages in bright colours**
 - 3. to bring the carriages up to date and revamp them**
 - 4. to employ artists to work on the trains**
 - 5. to spend 12,000 hours working on the trains**
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A3. Name TWO specific ways in which the Valley Lines Trains have been improved. [2 marks]

1. _____

2. _____

TEXT B

A4. What is the name of the climate change charity that is working on the ‘Riding Sunbeams’ project with Community Energy South and Network Rail? [1 mark]

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A5. Which ONE of the following statements is NOT true? Write the number of the incorrect statement.

[1 mark]

- 1. The 'Riding Sunbeams' project features signalling and lights powered by solar panels.**
 - 2. The 'Riding Sunbeams' project features the world's first fully solar-powered trains.**
 - 3. The 'Riding Sunbeams' project has the world's first ever railway line directly supplied with solar power.**
 - 4. The 'Riding Sunbeams' project data is being analysed by Birmingham University.**
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A6. List TWO reasons why the director of the 'Riding Sunbeams' project thinks moving the railways away from fossil fuels is a good thing. [2 marks]

1. _____

2. _____

TEXT C

A7. What is meant by the phrase ‘make sure your luggage doesn’t exceed the allowed dimensions’ in this text? Write the number of the correct statement. [1 mark]

- 1. make sure your luggage can fit in the overhead storage**
 - 2. make sure your luggage is not too heavy or too light**
 - 3. make sure you have checked in your luggage**
 - 4. make sure your luggage is of a permitted size**
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A8. Write down TWO negative points this text makes about travelling by plane whilst on the journey. [2 marks]

1. _____

2. _____

TEXT E

A11. According to the writer, what is Indian Railways known as? [1 mark]

A12. What impressions does the writer create about rail travel? [10 marks]

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EDITING (5 marks)

In this part of the paper you will be assessed for the quality of your UNDERSTANDING and EDITING skills.

A13. Read the sentence below and then answer the question that follows:

Rob arrived at the station and joined the queue _____ the ticket office.

Choose ONE word from the four options below that best fits the gap. Write the number of the word.

[1 mark]

- 1. under**
- 2. between**
- 3. towards**
- 4. at**

**A14. Read the sentence below. One word is missing.
Choose ONE word from the following four options that best fits the meaning of the sentence.
Write the number of the correct word. [1 mark]**

_____ , the train did not leave Cardiff station until twenty minutes after its advertised time of departure.

- 1. Pleasingly**
 - 2. Shortly**
 - 3. Unfortunately**
 - 4. Quickly**
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A15. Read this sentence. Two words are missing. Choose ONE pair of words from the following four options that best fits the meaning of the sentence.

Write the number of the correct pair of words below. [1 mark]

Arjun and Cai were _____ to find they had forward-facing seats and would be _____ next to one another in the crowded train.

- 1. delighted not**
 - 2. lucky standing**
 - 3. furious talking**
 - 4. pleased seated**
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A16. Read the text below which consists of five sentences in the wrong order. Show your understanding by answering the questions that follow:

- 1. He insisted on giving up his seat in order that she could sit down.**
- 2. When she looked up, her heart sank as she realised that all of the seats were taken.**
- 3. A young boy seated close to the door immediately jumped to his feet.**
- 4. She winced in pain before having to move around discarded luggage.**
- 5. The elderly lady shuffled forward, then stumbled on to the train.**

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A16

- (a) Which sentence should come SECOND in the text? Write the number of the sentence below.**

[1 mark]

- (b) Which sentence should come THIRD in the text? Write the number of the sentence below. [1 mark]**
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SECTION B (Writing): 40 marks

B1. In this task you will be assessed for the quality of your PROOFREADING.

Read carefully the text below. Find FIVE errors and write them correctly in the spaces on the next page.

[5 marks]

I am writing to complain about the poor service I received on your train. Firstly, the train was filthy. There was litter all over the carriage and the bin's were completly full. The buffet car was closed and although a trolle service was promised by the announcer, it did not appear at all during the three hours I was on your train. I would of complained to the conductor but when I went looking

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for him he was listening to other complaints and I need to get off the train.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

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B2. In this task you will be assessed for the quality of your WRITING skills.

20 marks are awarded for communication and organisation; 15 marks are awarded for writing accurately.

You should aim to write about 350 – 500 words.

Choose ONE of the following for your writing: [35 marks]

EITHER,

(a) Write an account of an interesting journey you have taken.

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**OR,
B2 (b)**

A leading politician has said that in the future, “we will use our cars less,” and “public transport, cycling and walking will be the natural first choice for our daily activities.”

Write an essay explaining your views on this subject giving clear reasons and examples.

The space on the next page can be used to plan your work before starting your writing on page 33.

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PLAN:

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END OF PAPER

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