



Cambridge O Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Writing

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2 hours



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer Question 1.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

This document has **4** pages.

Section A: Directed Writing

Read **both** texts and answer **Question 1**.

Text A

Santina, 14 years

The screenshot shows a social media interface with a top navigation bar containing icons for a menu, search, profile, a notification bell with the number '2', a star, and another profile icon. Below the navigation bar are three buttons: 'Status' with a pencil icon, 'Photo' with a camera icon, and 'Log in' with a person icon. The post content area shows '2 comments' and three interaction buttons: 'Like' with a thumbs-up icon, 'Comment' with a speech bubble icon, and 'Share' with a right-pointing arrow icon. The post itself is by Santina, posted 3 days ago, and contains three paragraphs of text about the benefits of visiting a zoo.

S Santina
3d

Nothing is better than a trip to the zoo! It is a great chance to see lots of animals that you might not be able to see in the wild without expensive overseas travel. A visit to the zoo is also the perfect family outing for all ages. Compared to many other family activities, it's great value for money, because you can spend all day there, and it's fun too. The zoo is also a great place for a school trip because activities can be linked to what is being studied in class.

As well as the chance to see lots of exotic animals, zoos can help to raise awareness of environmental problems which are causing some species to become endangered. This can help visitors to change any shopping or eating habits which may have a negative impact on these endangered species.

Zoos help to protect animals and can also give scientists the ability to study animal behaviour in a way that would be impossible in the wild. Often, zoos work together to share knowledge about the animals in their care and to help protect endangered species. The money you pay to visit helps to fund all this.

So, why not visit the zoo today? You're sure to have a great day out!

Like | **Comment** | **Share**

Text B

Raj, 15 years

The screenshot shows a social media interface with a top navigation bar containing icons for a menu, search, profile, a notification bell with the number '3', a star, and another profile icon. Below the navigation bar are three buttons: 'Status' with a pencil icon, 'Photo' with a camera icon, and 'Log in' with a person icon. The post content area shows '3 comments' and three interaction buttons: 'Like' with a thumbs-up icon, 'Comment' with a speech bubble icon, and 'Share' with a right-pointing arrow icon. The post itself is by Raj, posted 1 day ago, and contains three paragraphs of text about the conditions of animals in zoos.

R Raj
1d

A trip to the zoo might be a great day out, but have you ever thought about what it is like for the animals that live there? Zoos are often overcrowded, with lots of animals kept close together. They have much less space than in the wild and this can lead to changes in their behaviour.

Some animals are taken from the wild to be kept in a zoo. These animals know what it is like to be free and to live in their natural environment, so they will never be happy. They often live much shorter lives than if they stayed in the wild.

Staff in zoos often don't have specialist knowledge about the animals they care for – this can mean that animals are treated badly.

Zoos are businesses and their main aim is to make money. They put human entertainment first, and their animals often have poor living conditions. While some zoos make a lot of money, others rely on money from the government. Surely there are better ways of spending public money than on zoos?

So, while a trip to the zoo might be a great day out for you, it certainly isn't great for the animals you go to see.

Like | **Comment** | **Share**

Question 1

You have read two comments about zoos on an online blog. You have been asked to take part in a classroom debate on whether or not zoos should be banned.

Write a **speech** for your classmates about whether or not you think zoos should be banned.

In your speech you should:

- evaluate the ideas and opinions in **both** texts
- give your own views about whether or not zoos should be banned, based on what you have read in the texts.

Base your speech on what you have read in **both** texts but be careful to use your own words.

Address both of the bullet points.

Begin your speech with 'Good morning, everyone'.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing. [25]

Section B: Composition

Answer **one** question.

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer and up to 15 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

EITHER

Descriptive writing

2 Describe the scene at an important cultural event both before it starts **and** during the event. [25]

OR

Descriptive writing

3 Describe the scene at a local park or public garden both early in the morning **and** in the afternoon. [25]

OR

Narrative writing

4 Write a story in which someone unexpectedly receives a very nice gift. [25]

OR

Narrative writing

5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'We opened the door and excitedly stepped inside.' [25]

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