

**0860/32/01**NATIONAL  
QUALIFICATIONS  
2012THURSDAY, 26 APRIL  
9.00 AM – 10.15 AMENGLISH  
STANDARD GRADE  
Foundation, General  
and Credit Levels  
Writing**Read This First**

- 1 Inside this booklet, there are photographs and words.  
Use them to help you when you are thinking about what to write.  
Look at all the material and think about all the possibilities.
- 2 There are 23 assignments altogether for you to choose from.
- 3 Decide which assignment you are going to attempt.  
Choose only **one** and write its number in the margin of your answer book.
- 4 Pay close attention to what you are asked to write.  
**Plan** what you are going to write.  
Read and check your work before you hand it in.  
Any changes to your work should be made clearly.



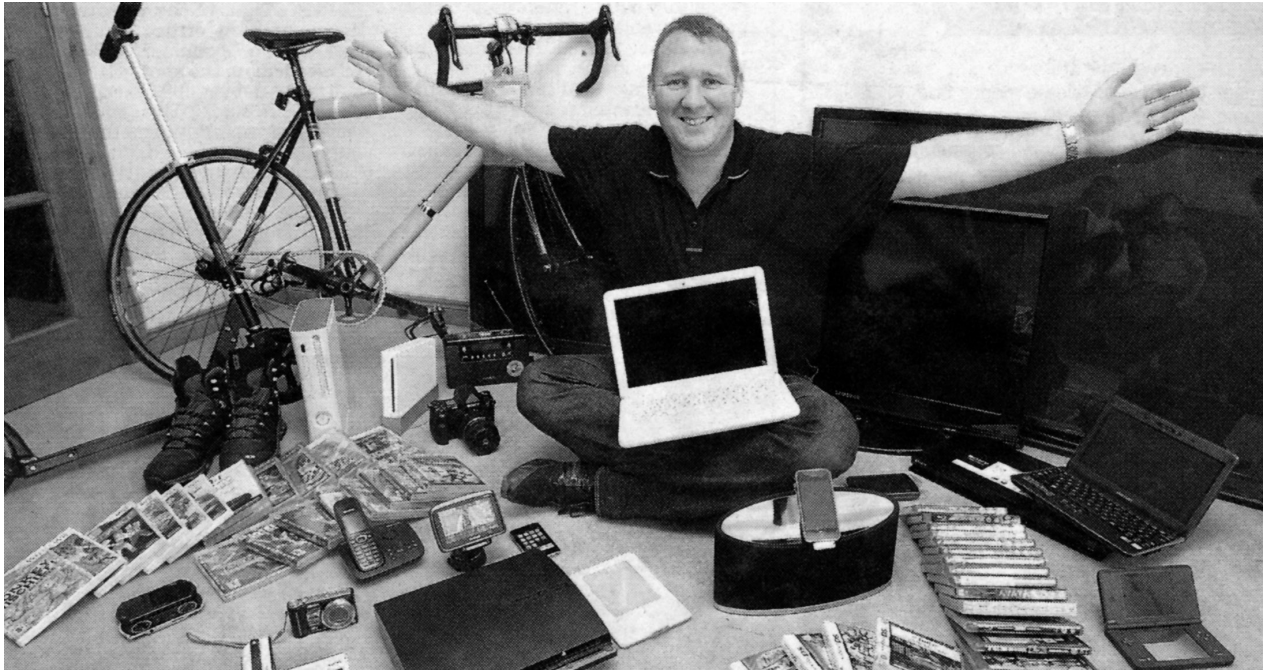


Image from Daily Express

FIRST     **Look at the picture opposite.**  
**It shows a man surrounded by gadgets.**

NEXT     Think about our need for possessions.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WRITE
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1. Our lives today are too cluttered. The pressure on us to buy new things increases daily.

**Give your views.**

**OR**

2. Buy. Buy. Buy.

**Write about** an occasion when you felt the need to buy something new.

Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

**OR**

3. **Write a short story** using the following title:

The Treasure Hunt

You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

**[Turn over**



Image from Daily Mail

FIRST     **Look at the picture opposite.  
It shows an old, ruined house.**

NEXT     Think about the effects of time passing.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WRITE
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4. **Write a description** of the scene suggested by the picture opposite.

**OR**

5. There are many lessons we can learn from the past.  
**Give your views.**

**OR**

6. **Write about** an occasion when you made a fresh start.  
Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

**OR**

7. **Write an informative article** for your school magazine in which  
you describe a visit to a place of historic interest.

**[Turn over**



Image from Glasgow Herald

FIRST     **Look at the picture opposite.  
It shows a violinist.**

NEXT     Think about performing.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WRITE
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8. **Write about** the importance of musical performance to **you**.  
Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

**OR**

9. **Write a short story** using the following opening:  
She caught her breath, then anxiously took to the stage. Blinding  
light. Deafening applause. She began . . .  
You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

**OR**

10. Becoming really good at something always involves hard work.  
**Give your views.**

**[Turn over**



Image taken from [www.bigfoto.com](http://www.bigfoto.com)

FIRST     **Look at the picture opposite.**  
**It shows people playing in the snow.**

NEXT     Think about winter.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WRITE
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**11. Unexpected Fun.**

**Write about** an occasion when your school was closed because of the weather.

Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

**OR**

**12. Write a short story** using the following opening:

One by one, slowly, the children began to gather in the snow-filled park . . .

You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

**OR**

**13. Winter is the best season of all.**

**Give your views.**

**OR**

**14. Write in any way you choose** using the picture opposite as your inspiration.

**[Turn over**



Image taken from [www.shsblogger.com](http://www.shsblogger.com)

FIRST     **Look at the picture opposite.**  
**It shows a biker performing a stunt.**

NEXT     Think about sports and pastimes.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WRITE
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15. **Write an informative article** for a magazine about an interesting sport or pastime.

**OR**

16. **Write a short story** using the following title:

No Fear

You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

**OR**

17. **Write about** an occasion when **preparing** for a competition was as important as the competition itself.

Remember to include your **thoughts and feelings**.

**OR**

18. It's just not worth it.

Extreme sports are simply too risky.

**Give your views.**

**[Turn over for assignments 19 to 23 on *Page twelve***

**There are no pictures for these assignments.**

- 19. Describe the scene** brought to mind by **ONE** of the following:

*On the tall peaks the glistening sunbeams play,  
With a light heart our course we may renew,  
The first whose footsteps print the mountain dew.*

**OR**

*In flakes of light upon the mountain side;  
Where with loud voice the power of water shakes  
The leafy wood, or sleeps in quiet lakes.*

William Wordsworth

**OR**

- 20. We are all different, so we all learn differently.**

There are now lots of opportunities to learn in ways suited to the individual.

**Give your views.**

**OR**

- 21. My Dream Destination.**

**Write about** the one place in the world you would really like to visit.

**OR**

- 22. We are a society motivated by money.**

**Give your views.**

**OR**

- 23. Write a short story** using the following title:

The High Life

You should develop **setting** and **character** as well as **plot**.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]

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