



Rewarding Learning

General Certificate of Secondary Education

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English Language/English

Unit 2: Functional Writing and
Reading Non-Fiction

Higher Tier

[GEG22]

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY, MORNING



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TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Complete **both** tasks.

Spend **45 minutes** on Section A and **45 minutes** on Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 48.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each task.

Section A: Functional Writing

Up to **16 marks** are available for an **organised, appropriate** and **interesting** response.

Up to **8 marks** are available for the use of a **range of sentences** and **correct spelling, punctuation and grammar**.

TASK 1

Write a **speech for your classmates** in which you put forward **your own thoughts and views** on the following question:

“Homework – a hateful, harmful hassle?”

Make use of any of the information on **page 3**, if you find it helpful.

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You may use the space below to plan your response:

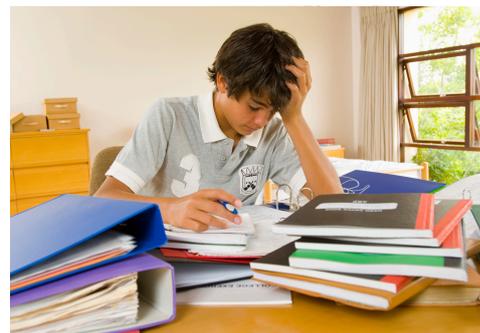
“Homework – a hateful, harmful hassle?”



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Below are some views to consider:

“Students need time to follow their hobbies and play some sport. Homework just gets in the way.”

“Homework helps to teach time management: students can fit in sporting and social activities. They just need to be organised!”

- At least 50% of all the arguments parents have with their teenagers will have begun over homework!
 - Medical research has found that the burden of homework can lead to loss of sleep and other health problems: headaches, exhaustion, weight loss and stomach problems.
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- Homework clubs in school give students a quiet, comfortable place to work.
 - Quality homework reinforces work covered in school and has a very positive impact on exam results.

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Section B: Reading Non-Fiction

Read the newspaper article “The Onesie Craze: Cool Clothing or Fashion Failure?” on page 5.

Complete the task below:

TASK 2

Examine how the writer of this newspaper article presents his strong opinions on the wearing of “Onesies”.

Analyse how he has engaged and sustained the reader’s interest through:

- his lively style of writing
- the impact of particular words and phrases
- the effect created by different types of sentences.

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The Onesie Craze: Cool Clothing or Fashion Failure?

It's not sleep-wear. It's certainly not street-wear. And it's definitely not supposed to be worn by grown men. Part pyjama, part Halloween costume, the Onesie is rapidly becoming a wardrobe essential. This odd Norwegian one piece is cropping up everywhere. I am no fashion expert ... but Onesies? Come on!

Call me a "Onesie cynic", but what were fashion designers thinking? I'm pretty sure these designers try one daft idea after another in the hope that one will catch on and in a single act of desperation somebody has struck it lucky with the Onesie. An avalanche of Onesies has flooded the high street, and everything from superhero to animal designs are being snapped up by shoppers. Designers have even produced posh versions trying to give the Onesie a fashionable and expensive look. But no matter how much money you spend on a Onesie, you're going to look like you're either wearing a boiler suit or an oversized babygro.

This popular loungewear used to be worn by children as pyjamas and by those who live in colder climates but they have turned into a shopping must-have after chart stars like Justin Bieber and Rhianna were snapped wearing them. However, despite valiant efforts from fashion trendsetters like Cheryl Fernandez Versini and Harry Styles, not even famous people can pull off this very tricky look.

My main issue though with the Onesie is the wearing of this giant babygro in public. At weekends I often see gangs of teenage girls dressed from head to toe in Onesies, whilst out doing a spot of Saturday shopping. I'm sure the Onesie fan will inform me that this one piece is a comfy and cute piece of nightwear that keeps the wearer warm. Well so is a pair of cosy pyjamas, but I wouldn't wear them to my local supermarket. I just don't understand why anyone would allow themselves to be seen out in public wearing this must-have fashion craze. Please, PLEASE stop leaving the house in Onesies ... inside wear only!

Recent reports have surprisingly shown that the Onesie is a huge hit with men. Yes, it appears grown men are thoroughly enjoying slipping into their Onesies and walking around like oversized babies. A Onesie might look cute on a baby, but it is a definite no-go-area for any self-respecting man. If male celebrities such as Brad Pitt can't pull off this look, what chance do the rest of us ordinary men have? Flattering? Never! They just make you look fat and foolish. If that's your thing, then by all means go for it.

Onesies – you either love them or hate them. As you can see, the love of the Onesie is lost on me. Personally, I think the 'Onesie' belongs to the same strange family as those snood thingies that footballers are so keen to wear because they think they look cool.

Hopefully, the Onesie's time in the spotlight will come to an end soon and we can all go back to wearing proper clothes again. Because Onesies belong on babies!

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