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General Certificate of Secondary Education
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English Language/English

Unit 2: Functional Writing and
Reading Non-Fiction

Higher Tier

[GEG22]

TUESDAY 6 JUNE, 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 **an article for your school magazine**. Put forward **your views** on the following statement:

“Sugar is simply a sweet poison and we are all consuming far too much of it!”

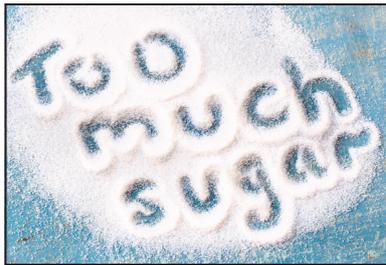
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You may use the space below to plan your response:



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SOME OPINIONS ABOUT SUGAR :

Too much sugar makes us fat, rots our teeth and has been linked to heart disease and cancer.

Everything in moderation. Eat the cake. Just, not all of it, not every day, and don't wash it down with a cola!

SOME FACTS ABOUT SUGAR:

- The average person in the UK consumes 238 teaspoons of sugar every week.
- Sugar is not only found in products you'd expect; you'll also find it in things like baked beans, bread and cereal.

- Sugar helps foods last longer by acting as a preservative in products like jam and canned fruit.
- Sugar is 100% natural and contains no fat. One teaspoon of sugar contains only 15 calories.

© Adapted from three sources: 1) "Sweet poison: why sugar is ruining our health" by Victoria Lambert. Published by Telegraph Media Group Limited, 11/12/14. 2) "Why is Sugar Added to Our Foods?" authored and published by The Sugar Association, 26/05/15. 3) "How much sugar is too much?" authored and published by Malta Wellness Centre, 23/03/16.

Section B: Reading Non-Fiction

Read the newspaper article: “SPARE ME THE LECTURES FROM CELEBS!” on page 5.

TASK 2

Analyse how the writer has expressed her strong opinions through:

- presenting her viewpoint in a lively, forceful manner
- using words and phrases to reinforce her strong views
- using different types of sentences to add impact.

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SPARE ME THE LECTURES FROM CELEBS!

When you want to find a solution to a serious global problem, do you turn to the experts, or celebrities?

I ask because Stella McCartney is angry with Gwyneth Paltrow – about a subject neither of them understands. This time, they are arguing about cruelty to animals: Gwyneth has been pictured wearing fur! But it could just as easily be about global warming, or handbags, or penguins.

Because Stella is concerned about animals. I am too. But Stella – have people ever crossed your mind? You design clothes for H&M and Adidas. Would that be the same Adidas accused in the European Parliament of handing out contracts to Indonesian factories using child labour? The same H&M whose factories in India paid as little as £1.13 to garment workers – for a nine-hour day? Indeed Stella, you got rich in the fashion industry – which makes women feel like beach balls, where skeletal models are partly responsible for the epidemic of anorexia and bulimia sweeping the West. And YOU dare to lecture US about fur?

And, Stella, you are not alone! Sienna Miller is a spokeswoman for the charity Global Cool. Last year she went to Mumbai to tell the locals: “If each one of us does our bit, we will be able to keep global warming from harming our countries.” She flew there. She later announced on Radio 4 that, “as an actress” she simply couldn’t stop flying, but she will take slightly cooler showers.

Next, there is Naomi Campbell, the angry string bean who is also a supermodel. She

signed up to be photographed for the “I’d Rather Go Naked than Wear Fur” campaign. Then, she decided she liked wearing fur after all, and was pictured wearing a fur-lined jacket.

And on it goes, the list of celebs who know best! Sheryl Crow embarked on a “Stop Global Warming” tour of America last year, accompanied by three trailers, four buses, and six cars. John Travolta flew himself to London, to fret about global warming. “Everyone can do their bit,” he said. “But I don’t know if it’s not too late already”. Well, he should know. He came in on his private jet. He has five of them. He parks them in his garden. The Carbon Trust pointed out that Travolta’s carbon footprint is one hundred times that of the average Briton.

And so, on to Chris Martin. He is a celebrated Fair Trade campaigner who writes Fair Trade slogans on his hands in biro and writes songs for Coldplay with lyrics like “Sunlight opened up my eyes ... and tonight rivers will run dry ... hundreds of years in the future ... there could be computers looking for life on earth ...” (He has also remarked that Nazi Germany might not have existed if Hitler had listened to Bob Marley). This is all wonderful, except he uses a private jet to fly home between gigs and his daughter Apple often joins him on tour. By plane.

Global warming is desperately urgent. Animal cruelty matters. But we need serious people to tell us about it – not skeletal, super rich simpletons like these!

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