



GCSE

4172/01

**ENGLISH/ENGLISH LANGUAGE
FOUNDATION TIER
UNIT 2 (WRITING)**

A.M. TUESDAY, 29 May 2012

1 hour

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

An 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

You are advised to spend your time as follows:

Q.1 – about 30 minutes

Q.2 – about 30 minutes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

Answer Question 1 and Question 2.

*In this unit you will be assessed for your writing skills, including the presentation of your work.
Take special care with handwriting, spelling and punctuation.*

Think about the purpose, audience and, where appropriate, the format for your writing.

A guide to the amount you should write is given at the end of each question.

1. *'TV talent shows (such as X Factor) are hugely popular. Some people think they are great because they give unknown people with talent a chance to become famous.*

Other people think they are put on so that the TV audience watching can laugh at contestants making fools of themselves.'

Write a letter to a newspaper giving your views on TV talent shows. [20]

The quality of your writing is more important than its length. You should write about one to two pages in your answer book.

2. Your local council has decided to improve the image of your area by producing a new guide to what it has to offer.

Write a guide to encourage people to visit the area that you live in.

You could include in your guide:

- places to visit;
- attractions for different age groups;
- other ideas of your own.

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