



**New GCSE**

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

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 15 June 2011

1 hour

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A 12 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. A supermarket chain is planning to build a new store on land which is currently used by local youngsters to play sport, and has a children's playground.

The supermarket chain says that it will create up to 60 jobs and will give shoppers more choices. Those opposing the plan believe it will put local shops out of business and destroy a valuable amenity for youngsters.

The newspaper has invited readers to give their views on the plan.

**Write your letter, giving reasons why you support or oppose the plan. You may wish to develop the arguments above, but can also give other views as well.** [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. Many older people don't use computers or the internet, either because they don't see any value in them or because they are afraid of modern technology.

You have been asked to give a talk to a group of older people to persuade them to use computers and the internet.

Some of the benefits of the computer and the internet that your talk might include are:

- keeping in touch with distant relatives and friends;
- getting information on hobbies or interests.

You may wish to develop these points in your talk, but you can discuss other benefits too.

**Write what you would say.** [20]

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