



**GCSE**

4172/02

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

A.M. TUESDAY, 4 June 2013

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. Your school/college has organised a campaign to improve the health and fitness of staff and students.

**Write a lively article for your school/college magazine with the title ‘Keeping Fit and Healthy’.**

[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. The following is an extract from a letter from a pensioner to your local newspaper:

*Dear Editor,*

*Isn't it about time we considered raising the legal age for driving from 17? Statistics show that a large proportion of accidents involve drivers aged 17 or 18. The number of casualties is really shocking and, as a result of this, it costs huge sums of money to insure young drivers. Many other countries set the age at 18 and it could make sense to raise it to 20 or even 21.*

*This may not be a popular suggestion with young people, but it will be for their own good in the long term. I didn't drive until I was 25 and it didn't do me any harm.*

You decide to write to the newspaper giving your views on this subject.

**Write your letter.**

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1. BBC Wales is looking for teenagers to appear on a television programme about their lives and interests. You have decided to apply to appear on the programme.

**Write a letter to BBC Wales persuading them to select you for the programme.** [20]

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2. The Government is planning to make all students stay in school/college until the age of 18.

**Write the speech you would give to your class on this subject.** [20]

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