



**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.

[20]

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