

Paper Reference(s)

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Edexcel GCSE

English/English Studies Pilot

Unit 1B: Reading and Writing

Summative Assignment: Tasks

Assessment Period: between 1 February 2010 –
29 March 2010

The Centre must determine the date(s) of the assessment session(s) within the assessment period specified above.

The question paper must not be opened before the first assessment session.

This question paper must be opened in front of the candidates at the start of the first assessment session chosen by the Centre.

Each candidate should be allowed four hours maximum to complete the tasks.

To be used with the pre-released reading materials.

Instructions to Candidates

Read through the paper carefully.

You have a maximum of four hours to complete the four tasks in this assignment.

You may **not** take into the examination room any notes you have made previously.

Any notes made during the examination period must be handed in to the invigilator between examination sessions.

Your final answers must be word-processed and saved according to the instructions given to you.

You may not remove any materials (such as drafts of your work) from the examination room.

Information for Candidates

Each task is worth 20 marks. There are 80 marks in total for this assignment.

You are reminded of the importance of clear English and careful presentation in your answers.

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You have a maximum of four hours to complete the tasks outlined in each stage of the assignment.

Your work for this unit is based on the collection of media and non-fiction texts that you have already studied.

Animals

In TASK ONE you will be assessed on your skills in reading media texts. The four websites you have studied in class are:

- National Geographic Kids
- Seaworld
- RSPCA
- Edinburgh Zoo

TASK ONE (Reading media texts)

Your task is to compare **TWO** websites about animals.

You **must** write about **RSPCA** and **ONE** other website about animals, from those you have studied.

Compare the material from the TWO websites about animals.

Your comparison should include comments on:

- the images
- the design techniques
- the language
- any other relevant points.

You should refer closely to the **TWO** chosen websites about animals throughout and include examples to illustrate the points you make.

(20 marks for Reading)

In TASK TWO you will be assessed on your skills in writing to argue.

Should zoos be closed down or remain open?

TASK TWO (Writing to argue)

Write a letter to your MP (Member of Parliament) in which you argue:

EITHER

- zoos should be closed down

OR

- zoos should remain open

You may include:

- reasons why zoos may help or may harm animals
- your own experiences of zoos
- any relevant details from the material you have studied

(20 marks for Writing)

In TASK THREE you will be assessed on your skills in reading non-fiction texts.

The four non-fiction texts you have studied are:

- *Introducing the Modern Zoo* by the Zoological Society of London
- *The Reality of Zoos* by captiveanimals.org
- *Born Free: About Us* by The Born Free Foundation
- *Zoos* by allaboutanimals.org.

TASK THREE (Reading non-fiction texts)

Your task is to compare **TWO** non-fiction texts.

You **must** write about *Born Free: About Us* and **ONE** other non-fiction text, from those you have studied.

Compare the material from these TWO non-fiction texts.

You must:

- compare what the writers say about caring for animals
- compare how the writers use language.

You should refer closely to the **TWO** chosen non-fiction texts throughout and include examples to illustrate the points you make.

(20 marks for Reading)

In TASK FOUR you will be assessed on your skills in writing to describe.

Your local library has asked your class to produce a book about animals.

TASK FOUR (Writing to describe)

Write a chapter for the book describing your experiences with animals.

(20 marks for Writing)

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 80 MARKS

END