**COMPETITION**

**Imagine you were on a desert island. What would you miss most? Write an article briefly describing an important object, person or place in your life and give reasons for your choice.**

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**Sample answer:**

Have you ever thought about the most important possessions you can barely live without? Would they be your bare necessities on a desert island? Well, for me it’d definitely be my mobile accompanied by a solar charger and a week supply of my favorite chocolate.

Reading books and taking photos are just a few of daily activities I’ll be occupying myself with during the lonely stay on an island, hence the latest smartphone and a solar charger are my top items. An abundance of ‘me-time’ guaranteed on an island, which I’ve lacked for ages, would come handy when devouring Stephen King’s and Jeffrey Archer’s eBooks.

Skills I’ve learnt on a survival course will definitely help me get by on an island however as I’m a chocoholic, I’d definitely opt for a week supply of my favourite chocolate bar. Having mastered tricks like catching a fish or igniting a fire without a lighter, which even Bear Grylls will praise me on, can hardly replace heavenly delicious Milka chocolate.

I don’t know how you feel about staying on a desert island, but I can guarantee I would be far from bored. Just imagine all those hot sunny days and warm starry nights with my favourite book and mouthing-watering chocolate.

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**FCE exam-Writing Part 2- Article  – Top two tourist attractions in London**

You have been asked to write a short article for a brochure on two major tourist attractions in your country.

**Top two tourist attractions in London**

England is a beautiful country with many sights of interest to tourists. These range from magnificent historic buildings to oddly-placed rocks in the middle of the countryside. Two of the most important tourist sights, however, are situated in the capital city, London.

Possibly the most significant place to visit is Buckingham Palace, the London home of the Queen and other members of the Royal Family. One can tour the interior of the palace and also observe the Changing of the Guard outside.

Also worth visiting is Tower Bridge. Constructed in Victorian times, it is recognised worldwide as a symbol of London and now has its own museum. You can also see superb views of the city from the high-level walkways on the bridge.

Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge are probably the most photographed sites in the British Isles. Furthermore, the chance to see the inside of a building still inhabited by royalty is too good to miss.

Among the many other attractions which London has to offer, Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge are two of the most outstanding. No visit to London is complete until you have explored these two memorable landmarks.

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Write your article in 140- 190 words in an appropriate style on the separate answer sheet.

**Sample answer:**

**Going global — the solution or the problem?**

The world is becoming a smaller place where national markets united, and national borders have become less significant. Nowadays, companies operate worldwide and young people are their target clients. In my country- Spain, many young people watch foreign films and listen to foreign music on a daily basis. In the evenings, they eat in restaurants owned by foreign companies and WhatsApp with their friends abroad.

Most young Spanish people say `globalisation’ is a good thing because it gives them a wider choice of goods, improves standards of living and reduces travel costs. They also believe we have greater freedom of information and a better understanding of foreign cultures, but at what cost?

A big chunk of Spanish youth sees the situation very differently. They feel that our traditions and local identity are under threat. They claim that mass tourism is ruining our natural heritage and that the spread of English is destroying our national language. They resent large international, money-hungry companies, which are becoming more important and influential than our own democratically elected government.

Clearly, there are arguments on both sides, but one thing we can be certain of is that globalisation will not go away.