

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140–190** words in an appropriate style.

- 1 In your English class you have been talking about different ways to protect the environment. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using **all** the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

What can young people do to help protect
and improve their local environment?

Notes

Write about:

1. recycling things
2. cycling or walking instead of using cars
3. (your own idea)

Write your **essay**.

Tip Strip

- Begin by underlining the key words in the instructions, e.g. 'different ways to protect the environment', 'using all the notes'.
- Read the essay question and the two written prompts. Note down a couple of ideas to include for each prompt, and also some interesting vocabulary you may use. For example, for the second prompt you could jot down 'air pollution', 'too much traffic'. Think of a third idea of your own and make some notes on that too.
- Plan your answer. Decide which ideas you will include in each paragraph. Remember that writing an essay is much easier when you have a plan!
- Introduce the topic in the first paragraph. You can do this by rephrasing the essay question, for example, 'We all need to help protect and improve our local environment.'
- Avoid writing only very simple sentences. Try to use a variety of tenses and grammatical structures. Don't forget to summarise your opinions briefly in the last paragraph.
- When you have finished, check that you have dealt with the two notes provided, and with a point of your own. Check that you have written between 140 and 190 words, but don't waste time counting every word.
- Finally, check your grammar and spelling.

Guidance

About the paper

The paper lasts for 1 hour and 20 minutes. There are two parts to the paper and in each part you have to complete one task.

Part 1

Part 1 is compulsory. You have to write an essay in a formal style, giving your opinion on the essay title, using the ideas given and providing an idea of your own. You should write between 140 and 190 words.

Part 2

In Part 2, you must choose one question from a choice of three. Tasks may include some of the following: an article, an email,

a letter, a report or a review. You should write between 140 and 190 words.

Task types

- Letter or email
- Article
- Report
- Review

For more information about the writing paper task types, refer to the Writing File on pages 162–168.

How to do the paper

Part 1

- Don't be in a hurry to start writing. It pays to spend a few minutes planning! Read the instructions carefully to understand:
 - the topic you had discussed in class and the title of the essay you have to write.
 - what information you have to include in your answer: this will ensure that you include the two notes provided.
- Think of a third point of your own, something which is not mentioned in the first two points given.
- Look again at the three written notes and expand them by noting down a couple of ideas for each.
- Decide how many paragraphs you will need and which ideas you want to group together in each paragraph.
- When you finish, do a final check. Is the style formal? Have you included all the notes? Are there any basic mistakes that you can correct?

Part 2

- Remember that whereas in Part 1 you always have to write an essay in a formal style, in Part 2 you need to choose from task types that may require a semi-formal or informal style, and a variety of formats.

- Don't be in hurry to start writing. Look carefully at each task (e.g. the report) and topic (e.g. the environment) and:
 - Think of report writing. Are you confident you know how to write the task type?
 - Think of the environment as a topic. Do you have some interesting language you can use?
- Choose a topic where your answers to both of the questions above is 'yes'. For example, choose the report only if you know how to present and organise the information, and you also like the topic and have some interesting language you can use.
- Read the task you have chosen and be sure you understand the following:
 - What is the situation?
 - Who will read your piece of writing?
 - What is your purpose in writing this piece?
- Jot down the ideas that come into your head, in any order. Then choose your best ideas and decide how you will organise them into paragraphs.
- When you finish, revise your writing. Have you used varied language? Are your points clearly expressed?