

English B – Higher level – Paper 2
Anglais B – Niveau supérieur – Épreuve 2
Inglés B – Nivel superior – Prueba 2

Tuesday 5 May 2015 (afternoon)
Mardi 5 mai 2015 (après-midi)
Martes 5 de mayo de 2015 (tarde)

1 h 30 m

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: choose one task. Each task is worth **[25 marks]**.
- Section B: write a personal response to the stimulus provided. The task is worth **[20 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[45 marks]**.

Instructions destinées aux candidats

- N'ouvrez pas cette épreuve avant d'y être autorisé(e).
- Section A : choisissez une tâche. Chaque tâche vaut **[25 points]**.
- Section B : exprimez votre opinion personnelle sur la réflexion fournie. La tâche vaut **[20 points]**.
- Le nombre maximum de points pour cette épreuve d'examen est de **[45 points]**.

Instrucciones para los alumnos

- No abra esta prueba hasta que se lo autoricen.
- Sección A: elija una tarea. Cada tarea vale **[25 puntos]**.
- Sección B: escriba una opinión personal al estímulo provisto. La tarea vale **[20 puntos]**.
- La puntuación máxima para esta prueba de examen es **[45 puntos]**.

Section A

Complete **one** of the following tasks. Write 250 to 400 words.

1. Cultural diversity

You watched a film in which the main characters did not have a common language but still managed to work collaboratively. Write an article for your school magazine describing how the characters communicated with each other and reflecting on how necessary it is to share a language.

2. Customs and traditions

To celebrate different traditions, your town council is holding a costume party in which all those who attend must wear traditional costumes. Write an email to a friend describing what your chosen costume is and why you have chosen it.

3. Health

Young people in your town are increasingly too reliant on dietary supplements (such as energy boosters, bodybuilding supplements or weight loss supplements). To raise awareness about the issue, your principal asked you to give a talk to your schoolmates in which you discuss the severity of the issue and suggest how it can be overcome.

4. Leisure

Your school board plans to introduce an alternative educational programme that emphasizes learning through entertainment and would like to incorporate students' suggestions into the new programme. Write a proposal in which you explain what your suggestions for the new programme are and how students will benefit from them.

5. Science and technology

You recently read an article in which the author claimed that natural sciences (such as chemistry, biology or physics) are not as beneficial as social sciences (such as economics or history) in the 21st century. Write a blog entry in which you discuss the claim and give reasons for your opinion.

Section B

Based on the following stimulus, give a personal response and justify it. Choose any text type that you have studied in class. Write 150 to 250 words.

6. Some people believe that happiness lies in being accepted by those around us while others insist that happiness is achieved only when we learn to accept ourselves.
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