



**MARKING NOTES
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*In each case, good answers will meet **most**, though not necessarily **all**, of the following requirements.*

- 1. Recent research has indicated that students in single-sex classes achieve better academic results. Write an article for the school newspaper suggesting reasons why your school should adopt, maintain or reject a policy separating male and female students in classes.*

Written interaction – formal – article for school newspaper

A good answer

- will clearly state the present situation
- may establish the reasoning behind the present policy; this should be rewarded
- will clearly set out the writer’s reasons for the policy being suggested
- may give reasons for not adopting the rejected policy; this should be rewarded
- will adopt a fairly formal register.

- 2. You have attended an event which had a significant effect on your life. The organizers of the event have asked for feedback. Write a report describing why the event had such an effect on you.*

Written interaction – formal – report

A good answer

- will refer to the nature of the event
- will explain the way or ways the event was significant
- will state how the writer’s life may have changed as a result of the event
- will adopt a semi-formal to formal register in accordance with the nature of the event.

3. *You really want to go on vacation with friends rather than with your family. In the form of a diary entry, set out the arguments you will use to persuade your parents to let you spend your holiday with your friends.*

Diary entry – informal – reflection

A good answer

- will show a clear understanding of the situation, including the parents' viewpoint
- will provide sensible reasons in favour of the proposed idea
- may show understanding of the possible reactions of the parents; this should be rewarded
- will adopt an informal register.

4. *In the form of a formal letter, write the reference you hope your school principal or a subject teacher would write for you.*

Written interaction – formal – letter

A good answer

- will give details of relevant personal qualities and achievements
 - will relate these qualities and achievements to the candidate's personal aims for the future
 - may invent an addressee for the letter; this should be rewarded
 - may, alternatively, begin "To whom it may concern"; this should be amply rewarded
 - will adopt a suitably formal register.
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