

**Text Booklet**

**KEY**

Reading and Writing

Sample Test 1

**SUITABLE FOR CANDIDATES WITH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**Time** 1 hour

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

**Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.**

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

Write your answers on the answer sheet. Use a pencil.

You **must** complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.

## Part 2

## TEXT FOR QUESTIONS 7 – 13

## Young blog writers

## TASHA

Last year I wrote for my college magazine, which I found really difficult, but I don't think it's hard to write a good blog. Mine is about things from daily life that make me laugh. My older brother also has a blog, but we're writing about different subjects. We don't discuss what we're planning, but we read each other's blogs sometimes. I like giving advice to people who write in asking for it – it's good to know I've helped.

## DANNI

I started writing my popular film blog because I love movies. I like it when readers send me articles by email about a film they've seen, and I put these on my blog for everyone to read. I'm still at college, so I'm careful about spending too long on my blog, which is difficult as writing well takes time. I don't think I'll write it for much longer. I'm busy, and it's time to do something new.

## CHRISSIE

I began writing on a school magazine. I stopped after a few years, but I missed it, so I started my own – I'm still writing it now! The blog's new for me, and I write about daily life. I get ideas from friends or my sister when I can't decide what to write about – we always think of something interesting, sad or serious. At first, almost nobody visited my site, but now more do, I've had some lovely comments.

## Part 3

## TEXT FOR QUESTIONS 14 – 18

## A family of dancers

The women in the Watson family are all crazy about ballet. These days, Alice Watson gives ballet lessons, but for many years, she was a dancer with the National Ballet Company. Her mother, Hannah, also had a full-time job there, making costumes for the dancers.

Alice's daughter Demi started learning ballet as soon as she could walk. 'I never taught her,' says Alice, 'because she never let me.' Now aged sixteen, Demi is a member of the ballet company where her mother was the star dancer for many years.

Alice's husband, Jack, is an electrician. They met while he was working at a theatre where she was dancing and got married soon after. 'When Demi started dancing, the house was too small for her and Alice to practise in so I made the garage into a dance studio. Now the living room is nice and quiet when I'm watching television!' he says.

Last month, Demi was invited to dance in the ballet SWAN LAKE. Of course, Alice and Hannah were in the audience and even Jack was there, which made it very special for Demi. Jack says, 'I'm not that interested in ballet myself but it's fantastic seeing Demi taking her first steps with Alice's old company!' Demi was wearing a dress that Hannah made for Alice many years before.

'It was very exciting for all of us,' says Hannah. 'Demi's way of dancing is very like Alice's. I know I'm her grandmother, but I think she has a great future!'

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