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In my opinion, the best thing we can do to help communities in the Third World is provide them with the tools, equipment and medical supplies which they need to improve their lives. Until they can grow their own food and provide medical treatment for themselves, they will be unable to make social progress. It is our duty to offer charity and help them to make a fresh start, so that one day they will be able to rely on themselves.

I hope that you will publish this letter, as I am sure that many others feel the same way, and your magazine should present a balanced view on subjects such as this.

Yours faithfully,
Janet Winters

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**Part 2 - 2**

**The Captain’s Table**

Nowadays, eating out can be a predictable and uninspiring experience. There are so many ‘chain’ restaurants, offering the same decor, menu and atmosphere, that one restaurant has become very much like another. However, if you are looking for a different and enjoyable eating-out experience, ‘The Captain’s Table’ in Snip Street is the place to go.

‘The Captain’s Table’ is a restaurant with a difference. On entering the restaurant, diners find themselves inside a large wooden ship. The decor is fantastic. Barrels and ropes lie in corners and candles provide the only lighting. The roughly-made wooden benches and tables look as though many sailors have sat at them to eat their meals and diners themselves feel like sailors as they drink from metal cups and eat from wooden plates.

The atmosphere in ‘The Captain’s Table’ is relaxed and friendly. The interesting surroundings, soft background music and low lighting help to create a laid-back mood and make diners feel comfortable. The restaurant is usually filled with the sounds of conversation and laughter from its happy customers, many of whom eat at the restaurant regularly.

The menus, which are printed on scrolls, will certainly appeal to fish-lovers. There is an amazing selection of fish and seafood dishes. However, there is also a variety of other dishes, including vegetarian meals. The food is delicious and the portions are very generous, so it’s a good idea to go with a large appetite. The meals are served by friendly waiters dressed as sailors and pirates, which adds to the fun atmosphere of the restaurant.

If you love good food served in different surroundings and a relaxing atmosphere, you will certainly love ‘The Captain’s Table’. It’s the perfect place for an interesting evening out.

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**Paper 2: Writing (Suggested Answers)**

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**Part 1**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I’m writing to express my disapproval of the article published in your magazine last month on the debt problem of developing countries. I strongly disagree with the views expressed by the writer of this article.

Firstly, it is my firm belief that it is the responsibility of people in richer countries to help victims of floods, drought and famine in poorer countries. We have the resources to provide food and medical aid to these people and I think it would be wrong to deny them the help that they desperately need. After all, charity from other countries is their only hope of survival at such times.

Furthermore, it seems to me that to expect poorer countries to rely on themselves is selfish and unrealistic. Victims of natural disasters are in no position to help themselves and they should feel that they can rely on aid from richer countries. If we were in a similar position, we would expect help to be given by others, and I believe that we should treat others as we would like to be treated.

I also feel that we should cancel the debts which poorer countries owe us, because we can easily afford to do so. People in developing countries have suffered enough and should be allowed to rebuild their lives and their countries without having to worry about repaying enormous debts.
The Channel 4 documentary "Earth Alert", which was shown at 8 pm on June 25th, was well-scripted and well-directed. This informative programme highlighted many important environmental issues and showed how effective or ineffective local governments are at protecting our environment.

The documentary drew viewers' attention to environmental problems across the country and clearly demonstrated the serious dangers our environment faces. In addition, viewers were shown how they, as individuals, can help to conserve and protect the environment, by recycling waste products, saving energy, using public transport, and so on. The advice given was useful and sensible, and was easy for people to follow.

Then, the programme went on to discuss the role that local governments play in saving the planet. It quickly became clear that governments are simply not doing enough to protect the environment. The presenter explained how cheap and easy it would be for governments to start certain projects which would make our world a better place to live in, such as recycling programmes to prevent unnecessary waste, park and route systems to keep cars out of our city centres, or tree-planting programmes to ensure that enough oxygen is produced. Unfortunately, according to "Earth Alert", very few governments are willing to spend time and money on improving environmental conditions.

The most upsetting part of this excellent documentary was when the presenter highlighted how poor our own Yorkshire Council environmental record is. It seems that it has done almost nothing to reverse its terrible record on river pollution and forest protection.

The documentary ended by advising worried viewers to write to members of the local government and explain our fears for the environment and the need for projects to save it.

"Earth Alert" was a powerful documentary which made many viewers realise the serious danger our world is in and which encourages people to fight for planet Earth and force local governments to take action. It was educational, interesting and well worth watching.

The purpose of this proposal is to outline the kinds of activities and events which the Student Club would like to run over the next school year. This proposal contains details of how the activities will be funded and how they might have a beneficial educational impact on the students.

**Theatre Trip**
The Student Club believes that at least one outing to the theatre should be arranged for all students. The Royal Theatre in Hampden is putting on a performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' in June. As this is one of the books which students will be studying this year, we felt that it would be of great educational benefit to see the play performed. It would also be an enjoyable and interesting day out.

**Shakespeare Day**
The main event which the Student Club would like to hold this year is 'Shakespeare Day'. Students would dress as characters from Shakespeare's plays and would spend the afternoon performing extracts from those plays for the delight of the teachers and the other students. In the evening, students would attend a 16th-century dance, where they would dance to Elizabethan music and try typical food and drink from Shakespeare's time. This event would not only be extremely entertaining but would also encourage students to study Shakespeare's works and learn about life in the 16th century.

**Fund Raising**
In order to fund these activities, the Student Club proposed that students be charged a small fee to attend this year's annual student disco. The profits from the disco would cover a large part of the expenses from the theatre trip and Shakespeare Day. In addition, the profit from the summer Craft Fair to be held on June 1st could be partly used to fund the suggested events.

**Conclusion**
Members of the committee are convinced that our proposed activities will not only have a beneficial educational impact on all students but will also be easily affordable for the school. We trust that the suggestions presented in this proposal will receive your serious consideration.

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**Paper 3: Use of English**

**Part 1**

| 1 out | 2 case | 3 that | 4 after | 5 to | 6 seems | 7 would | 8 by | 9 as | 10 this | 11 whose | 12 in/across/through | 13 unless | 14 between | 15 as |
Part 2
16 facial 21 involuntarily
17 poetically 22 loathing
18 slyness 23 characteristics
19 honesty 24 unknown
20 sensuality 25 suspicion(s)

Part 3
26 maintained 29 hold
27 relief 30 picked
28 tough 31 live

Part 4
32 little/nothing to lose by telling
33 it hadn’t been for
34 took no notice of/didn’t take any notice of
35 turned out to
36 all else fails will a child
37 am next in line for
38 fell short of what/the sum/the amount
39 coming to terms with

Part 5
40 condemn, resent, indignant, deploring
41 to relate to any root cause
42 that there has ever been a time when there was
a true standard form of English
43 international and regional varieties of English
44 (Suggested answer)
People dislike language change due to a
mistaken belief that at some time in the past the
language was perfect, and that any change is
therefore a degeneration of standards caused by
carelessness and lack of knowledge. This idea that
language should be preserved in its so-called
perfect state is fuelled by nostalgia and social
pressures, and also by a sense of insecurity at
having one’s linguistic ideals undermined.

Paper 1: Reading

Part 1
1 A 4 A 7 B 10 A 13 D 16 B
2 D 5 B 8 C 11 C 14 A 17 D
3 B 6 C 9 D 12 B 15 B 18 D

Part 2
19 C 22 D 25 B
20 D 23 A 26 D
21 C 24 C

Part 3
27 F 29 D 31 H 33 A
28 B 30 E 32 G

Part 4
34 B 36 D 38 B 40 C
35 B 37 C 39 A

Practice Test 2

Paper 4: Listening

Part 1
1 C 3 B 5 A 7 B
2 B 4 C 6 B 8 A
Youth Crime – No Easy Answers

The number of crimes committed by young offenders has risen dramatically in recent years. As well as types of crimes traditionally associated with juvenile delinquency such as shoplifting and mindless vandalism, many modern youngsters today become involved in gang and drug cultures, which lead them to commit ever more serious crimes, while thrill-seeking youngsters risk their lives and those of others with activities such as joyriding. In my view, society has yet to seriously tackle the problem because law enforcement agencies have tended to apply the same system of deterrents and punishments to young offenders that exists for adults.

The answer to the problem clearly does not lie in locking youngsters up for longer. Calls for longer sentences for youngsters in youth detention centres and claims that putting young offenders through harsh prison regimes will reform them are misguided. Whilst in detention, youngsters are only exposed to other criminals and are likely, therefore, to have a wider network of criminal contacts when they are released.

There is, however, something to be said for the zero tolerance approach that has been adopted by some cities in the US. Youngsters who commit crimes – even minor crimes such as petty theft or writing graffiti on walls – should be dealt with harshly. There are a number of options available to the police in dealing with young offenders. Youngsters that commit crimes could be tagged and in this way police could both monitor their movements and require them to be at home during ‘curfew’ hours. They might also be required to do community service from which some at least might learn the value of helping rather than harming others.

The most radical solution, however, and one which has yet to be taken seriously by authorities is to implicate the parents of young offenders in the punishment. If, for example, both parents were required to observe any ‘curfew’ restriction at home with the young offender, they would have a much greater interest in ensuring that he or she did not re-offend. Similarly, parents could be made to attend a series of counselling sessions with any child that has committed a crime.

It is clear that the existing range of punishments any offender might expect to receive is failing to deter young criminals from engaging in criminal acts. A new approach is needed, which involves both an element of re-education for young offenders through community service and counselling and placing restrictions on their freedom of movement – especially at times when they might pose the greatest threat to others. Implicating the parents of offenders in punishments might also help to turn the tide in the battle against young criminals.

‘Star Force’ is a well-known science-fiction film which was first made in 1982. The remake of the film was released last week and has already won a major film award. The original film, directed by Simon Spetton, was a huge hit with people of all ages. The new version, directed by David Bowden, follows the same storyline, but with different actors, an up-to-date soundtrack and modern special effects.

‘Star Force’ is well-directed and the acting is fantastic. Steve Hanson plays the starring role as Liam Skyrunner. He gives an excellent performance as the captain of a large spaceship. Jodie Williams stars as Liam’s sister, Lena. The acting is far better than in the original film and the characters seem much more realistic. However, many fans of the original movie may disapprove of the new cast, as they will find it hard to identify with their favourite characters now that they are played by different actors. This is a common problem in remaking well-known films.

The new soundtrack to ‘Star Force’ is wonderful and many of the songs, especially the ballad ‘Fly Away’, are very moving. The soundtrack was written and performed by popular rock band ‘Shaker’. Nevertheless, several Star Force fans have complained that the original soundtrack was irreplaceable and are upset that their favourite tunes have been removed from the modern version of the film.

The film has impressive special effects created using computer animation. Compared to the special effects in the original movie, they are spectacular, as technology has advanced considerably over the past twenty years. ‘Star Force’ now contains exciting and realistic space battles and thrilling alien attacks which are a great improvement on the old scenes. Some fans may not be impressed by these improvements, though, feeling that ‘Star Force’ has lost some of the magic of the original period-piece.

It seems that from the original it is difficult to successfully remake a popular film, as there will always be people who prefer the original and are against changing one of their favourite movies. However, the new ‘Star Force’ is exciting, action-packed and extremely well-made. If you like great acting, good music and wonderful special effects, then you should definitely see this film.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have recently returned from a working stay on Marsaud Fruit Farm in the South of France and I am writing to complain about the misleading information you sent me concerning the working conditions and accommodation on the farm and the opportunities to visit the region during my stay.
First of all, the information you sent me about the working conditions on the farm were completely wrong. Your brochure claimed that the farmers expected visitors to work for five hours a day, but in fact I was told to work from seven in the morning until four o’clock in the afternoon; a total of nine hours. In addition, the brochure stated that all farms had modern equipment and machines. However, on the Marsaud Fruit Farm, all farm work was done by hand, even moving heavy boxes of fruit. I was exhausted by the end of each day and had no energy left to explore the area.

Secondly, you sent me incorrect information about the accommodation on the farm. Your brochure described private rooms and modern bathrooms, but the truth was I had to share a room with three other farm workers. Furthermore, there was no bathroom, only an outdoor WC, so I had to wash in the kitchen sink. Needless to say, this was not only inconvenient, but also very embarrassing.

Finally, your brochure mentioned that there would be opportunities to visit the region during the working stay. However, Marsaud Fruit Farm is miles away from any bus route or train station, so it was impossible to find transport. The Marsaud family made no offer to drive me anywhere and refused to rent me a vehicle to travel in, so I saw nothing of the surrounding area during my stay on the farm.

As you can imagine, I was extremely disappointed by this experience and I would strongly advise you not to recommend this particular farm in the future. The working conditions and accommodation there are terrible and visitors do not have the chance to leave the farm, let alone visit local places of interest. I also suggest that you make sure that your information about farms offering working holidays is correct in future.

Yours faithfully,
Tony Walters

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**Part 2 – 4**

To: Mr Archie Jones, Headmaster
From: Sandra Clark, Exchange Organiser
Subject: School exchange visit
Date: 6th May, 20...

**Introduction**
The purpose of this report is to detail the problems which occurred during the recent visit to our country and school of the language students from the UK. The report will also analyse how the model of the visit of students from our school to the UK might be copied in the future to ensure a more successful exchange visit.

**Transport**
During the UK students’ stay, the school relied on parents of students from our school to provide transport to and from events. This caused several problems, as not only did the students arrive at different times, making organisation difficult, but parents also had trouble parking at arranged meeting points due to the large number of cars arriving and leaving. During our stay in the UK, however, the UK school hired a coach for the duration of the visit. This allowed all students to travel together and also presented no parking problems. I suggest that we follow this example in the future in order to have a more successful visit.

**Events**
The events organised for the UK students to take part in during their stay were less than successful. This was mainly due to the fact that UK students attended the events alone, while students from our school were in lessons. The UK students felt bored and did not enjoy themselves. Also, they did not have a chance to practise a foreign language, which was the whole purpose of their visit. When students from our school visited the UK, they spent all their time with the UK students, who did not attend lessons during the visit. This meant that our students had plenty of time to practise their English and also that they were able to enjoy the company of the UK students. In future, I recommend that we encourage our students to spend more time with the UK students during their visits, as this will be beneficial to students from both schools.

**Conclusion**
To conclude, it would seem that improving transport arrangements and ensuring that students from our school spend as much time as possible with the UK students during exchange visits will guarantee greater success in the future.

**Paper 3: Use of English**

**Part 1**
1. At
2. might/could
3. Having
4. in
5. Whether
6. for
7. As
8. should
9. themselves
10. against/under
11. what
12. where
13. not
14. the
15. that
16. notoriety
17. forgeries
18. ignorance
19. authenticated
20. deceptions
21. supposed
22. acquisitions
23. execution
24. disbelief
25. mastery
Part 3
26 practice  29 concern
27 run  30 pouring
28 involved  31 slipping

Part 4
32 'd rather you didn’t come
33 how to make amends for forgetting
34 is showing signs/starting to show signs of recovery/recovering
35 John can be held responsible for
36 in the event that there
37 are not on speaking terms with
38 having second thoughts about coming
39 has been taken for granted

Part 5
40 because of the wide variety of people that live around it
41 as a result of Islamic armies conquering Europe
42 the fact that different foods are cooked at different times of the year
43 prime beef cattle
44 (Suggested answer)
Over the centuries various foreign influences have affected the Mediterranean regional food culture. An example is the Muslim influence in the Middle Ages, when Arab and Ottoman invading armies and traders brought new or forgotten foodstuffs, including fruit, vegetables and oriental spices, and new cooking techniques. Despite some cross-cultural influences, generally local products and national cooking remain strong, but are supplemented by dishes from elsewhere brought by invaders in the past.

Paper 4: Listening
Part 1
1 B  3 B  5 B  7 A
2 A  4 C  6 C  8 A

Part 2
9 proper wrapping  14 pot holder
10 strong sunlight  15 dry (appreciably)
11 humidity  16 standard strength
12 feeling  17 larger pot
13 tap

Part 3
18 D  20 C  22 B
19 B  21 A

Practice Test 3
Part 4
23 J  25 B  27 S
24 B  26 J  28 B

Paper 1: Reading
Part 1
1 A  4 B  7 B  10 A  13 B  16 A
2 C  5 A  8 C  11 D  14 B  17 C
3 B  6 D  9 C  12 B  15 C  18 D

Part 2
19 C  22 B  25 B
20 D  23 D  26 C
21 D  24 B

Part 3
27 C  29 A  31 E  33 H
28 F  30 G  32 D

Part 4
34 A  36 B  38 C  40 B
35 B  37 B  39 B

Paper 2: Writing (Suggested Answers)

Higher Education: Right or Service?

Higher education is probably the best way of gaining qualifications and opportunities to improve personal status, providing better chances of getting a higher paid job. However, should this personal improvement be paid for by the tax payer, or should it be the responsibility of the student?

The last decade has seen a slow withdrawal by the government from the provision of so-called 'Free Education'. Students are now going to university with the prospects of an enormous debt, which could take up to 16 years to clear, instead of thoughts of a good job. University has become a private commercial industry, with sponsorships and loans from businesses appealing to students to compete for places on university courses. Surely the privatisation of such services is just lining the pockets of a small number of individuals.
In addition, taxes which are being paid by the public in order to send people to university are eventually paid back into the public sector when the graduates find jobs which are better paid, therefore paying a larger amount of tax than a lower paid job would involve. Moreover, larger salaries allow for the purchase of status symbols, such as expensive cars and large houses, which in turn place these graduates into a higher tax bracket.

On the other hand, university students often take any money awarded to them by the government for granted and spend it on leisure activities instead of their studies. Often the tax paying public resents this fact and sees students as a waste of time and money. This resentment can be justified in the cases of some students, who do not take their degrees seriously and see university as an opportunity to have fun.

Measures could be taken to help control these problems by introducing a documented account of personal expenditure, and an agreement to pay back any money if the student fails to get the qualification they originally agreed on.

Taking everything into consideration, it seems to me that the government and tax payers should not take away the right of everyone to have a free or partially-funded education because providing people with a university education is beneficial to everyone in society in the long run.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J. Simpson

Part 2 – 2

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to complain about the deplorable service experienced on one of your coach trips from Islington to London on June 16th. Not only was the service bad but the driver was most inconsiderate.

The coach arrived almost an hour late due to a mechanical fault, which got us off to a bad start. Passengers, including myself, were hurried onto the bus and told that due to the delay the first stop on the itinerary would be cancelled. Many passengers complained to the driver about this, only to be met with verbal abuse.

On arrival at our destination, the driver then informed us that he was not responsible for anyone who stayed from the group. He then proceeded to march off in the direction of Waterford Gardens, our first 'port of call'.

Being a senior citizen and travelling alone, I felt very disturbed by this, and was afraid of getting lost. When I expressed my concern to the driver, I was told that he couldn't make concessions for anyone, regardless of their age. During the afternoon there was a two-hour break for shopping before returning at 6 pm. for our homeward journey. Imagine my surprise when at 5:50 pm. I arrived at the designated pick up point, only to find the coach had left without me!

In the meantime, it had started to rain and so I was soaking wet, in a strange place without any means of getting home. Fortunately, a sympathetic taxi driver took me to Kings Cross station in time to catch the 7.40 train from London to Leicester. As I hadn't booked my seat in advance, I found myself having to stand for a good part of the journey. Having no other alternative, I had to complete the journey from Leicester to Islington by taxi, by which time I had spent forty-three pounds in order to get home safely and it was almost midnight.

I feel that your driver acted irresponsibly in his duties and, because of that, my pleasure trip was an absolute disaster. I suggest that he be severely reprimanded and I believe that I am entitled to compensation for my inconvenience and resulting expenses.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible and I hope that the service offered by your company can be improved in the future.

Mr Andrew Sinclair,
Principal, Springdale College

Elisabeth Mills
Student Accommodation
25th June, 20...

Part 2 – 3

Introduction

As requested, I am submitting a proposal outlining possible suggestions with regards to providing affordable student accommodation, making prospective students aware of the available housing, and ensuring further assistance in this matter for all students.

Existing Facilities

Currently, there are blocks of flats belonging to the college which are located 40 minutes from the campus. The flats have not been properly maintained and as a result the conditions are not up to standard. If the flats were renovated, then the students would be attracted to them. In addition, if a bus service was provided frequently to transport students, this would facilitate accessibility from the campus to the residence and thus, would attract more students to these housing facilities.

Costs

The rental (fees) for these existing flats range from £60 a week for a single flat to £90 a week for a double flat. In order to attract more students, more affordable accommodation could be provided and in order to facilitate this, the rents should be reduced. Another suggestion which has been put forward is to provide free accommodation for three months to those students who are able to maintain an 'A' average throughout the academic year. This not only motivates students to achieve a higher academic average but also positively rewards them for their acquired success.
Information/Further Assistance
Presently, the vacant flats available are advertised on bulletin boards throughout the campus. Students would be more likely to become aware of the available housing if an informative booklet was published outlining all of the flats available for rent and distributed to schools. This would provide information to prospective students who are seeking to study at Springdale College. Furthermore, if an office was set up with an information hotline, any student inquiries would be dealt with promptly. In this way, students would be able to find suitable flats over the phone and arrange their accommodation before arriving.

Conclusion
I hope that the suggestions outlined in this report will receive your serious consideration. I believe that upgrading the accommodation facilities, providing affordable flats and informing students about what is available would undoubtedly improve on the current situation.

Part 2 – 4

Traditional Market Loses Its Roots
Disappointment coloured this year’s festivities at the annual Bognor Regis three-day market fair, held in Glenn Park on Saturday. Few visitors felt that this year’s market represented the local arts and crafts for which it is famous, provoking fears that the town’s customers are no longer a priority for the organisers. On the contrary, the market’s focus was on commercialism and residents are now calling for the return of a more traditional flavour.

This year Glenn Park hosted the fifteenth annual market fair. Visitors suffered in the sweltering heat as they strolled among the stalls. A wide variety of goods were on sale to those prepared to pay the extortionate prices, which sparked off complaints early on in the day. Although there were some efforts made by the coordinators to include family attractions, the funfair was sadly missing this year. All in all, few people felt it was worth staying as the event had little to do with community life.

In previous years, emphasis was placed on the community’s traditions and crafts. However, this Saturday’s event offered items from Africa, Asia and South America, all fashionable at the moment but totally unconnected to the community. The attractions suffered the same fate, as people were entertained by the Dublin Dance Troupe and given Latin dance lessons. It seems as if the organisers have forgotten the origins of this traditional event and need to be reminded before the fair becomes unrecognisable.

If Bognor Regis is to uphold this long-standing event, the council and residents should urge the organisers to represent aspects of local life at future fairs. It is this lack of concern that causes towns all over the country to lose their character, and if we want to stop our district from sharing the same fate, everyone needs to take a stand against such faceless capitalism.

Paper 3: Use of English

Part 1
1 both 9 could/can
2 by 10 such
3 their 11 which
4 like 12 had
5 made 13 as
6 more 14 come
7 to 15 to

Part 2
16 frankness 21 substantial
17 intolerance 22 companions
18 reception 23 insistence
19 accusations 24 harden
20 serial 25 wryly/wrily

Part 3
26 balance 29 resist
27 overlooked 30 set
28 bear 31 flat

Part 4
32 to put into practice than
33 anyone was to blame for
34 that I was made aware of
35 seem worth me/my going to
36 made a good impression on the interviewer
37 has there been a conflict
38 either way which
39 given any credit for

Part 5
40 because consistency can take many forms and
41 being consistent is hard
42 do not make a big deal of
43 the things that people told her
44 (Suggested answer)

In the first text the potential negative aspects of bilingualism are seen as surmountable, and the writer gives advice to parents as to how to overcome or downplay problems that may arise. In the second text, by contrast, the negative aspects are presented as a reason why parents may decide against bilingualism for their children. Parents view the potential problems as insurmountable, though the writer does not agree.
Paper 2: Writing (Suggested Answers)

Part 1

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to the article published in your newspaper on 4th July on how electronic communication affects individuals.

E-communication has changed my life but certainly not in the way your article suggests. I do not sit at home chatting intimately to people I've never met, and I do not take offence when my messages are not instantly acknowledged.

My mobile telephone, computer and fax machine have become essential tools which assist me to run my business efficiently. No longer do I have to anxiously wait for days, sometimes weeks, before receiving a reply to my messages. My previous method of communication (i.e. 'snail mail') is now almost obsolete. Some people may argue that e-mails are not secure, but I would suggest that it is easier to open somebody else's letters than it is to intercept an e-mail.

As for having banal telephone conversations in public places, so what? What harm does it do? I cannot understand why sending and receiving text messages on a mobile phone could possibly cause offence to anyone. On the contrary, I'm a lot happier knowing, for example, that should my teenage daughter get into trouble, she can use her mobile phone to call for assistance. I know where she is at any given time and I'm sure most parents would be reassured by that.

As for shopping from home, why not? Gone are the days when we were restricted by lack of transport to going to the corner shop. Using my computer I can do my shopping all over the world. I can access world news as it is happening, order airline tickets or tickets to the theatre without stepping outside my door. I agree with the writer that there is a constant need to know what's going on around me, but I don't think that is necessarily such a bad thing. Faster communication means faster solutions to problems, and I fail to see how enjoying the undoubted benefits of the electronic age is likely to make me less well adjusted than anyone else.

Yours faithfully,

Steven Huntley

Part 2 – 2

The Council's current campaign to encourage people to make more use of public transport is, in my opinion, doomed to failure. Unlike many of our councillors, I actually have to go to work every day. I do not have the convenience of a chauffeur-driven car at the click of a finger as our mayor does. If he had to rely on public
transport, he would miss most of his engagements.

The only practical way to encourage people to leave their cars at home and take the bus or train is to provide an acceptable service, which at the present time we do not have. My nearest railway station is some two miles away and the first logical step would be to co-ordinate the bus and train timetables so that the bus arrives in time to catch the train, instead of five minutes after it has left, which is the current situation. Most of the stations in this area are unmanned, and therefore there are no staff to inform commuters when their train is cancelled – as frequently happens.

I certainly do not envisage exchanging the comfort and convenience of my motorcar for a dirty waiting room, or a dirty, cold railway platform in the depths of winter, waiting for a train which might or might not arrive. Furthermore, I am in little danger of being mugged while driving to work. Successive cost cutting has resulted in trains carrying only two members of staff – the driver and the conductor. Drastic increases in staff are necessary to combat the constant problem of gangs of youths who delight in terrorising their fellow passengers.

I cannot imagine anybody using public transport in this area if they had a choice. Buses and trains are filthy, stations have become meeting places of gangs of youths who discourage people from using the trains. Neither the buses nor the trains can be relied on with any certainty. The aims of the campaign may be laudable but they are totally out of touch with reality.

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**Part 2 – 3**

To: Dr M. Dawson, Principal, Winton College  
From: Anne Lee, Student Liaison Officer  
Subject: College Security  
Date: 21 November, 20...

**Introduction**  
The purpose of this report is to review the present security arrangements at Winton College and to recommend improvements.

**Vandalism**  
The incidents of deliberate damage, for instance, writing graffiti on the exterior walls of the college, have, until now, not been of a serious nature but recently more disturbing occurrences of vandalism have taken place. This term burning material has been pushed through the letterbox of ‘A’ building and curtains in the common room have been set alight. Had it not been for the prompt arrival of the fire brigade, severe damage could have been caused.

**Theft**  
Despite warnings not to leave lockers open, students have lost sports equipment, clothing, and on occasions, money, from them. In the halls of residence, rooms have been broken into and expensive electrical items and valuables have been stolen.

**Unauthorised use of facilities**  
Members of the public have permission to use the basketball and tennis courts, which are left unlocked and unattended. Although the public has access to the college library, they do not have the right to use the computer room there. However, generally they do not respect this regulation, and frequently college students have been unable to type their assignments as the terminals have been occupied.

**Recommendations**  
I believe the chief problem is that there are too few porters working at the college. A more visible presence of porters would help the students feel more secure and act as a deterrent to intruders. Also, those members of the public allowed to use the facilities should be issued with identity tags whilst special logging-on codes should only be given to students, so no outsider could have access to the library computers. Stronger locks must be fitted to both sports lockers and rooms in the halls of residence, and a campaign to remind students to be more responsible must be conducted. In my opinion, security cameras would discourage those wishing to cause damage to the college, but they may be too costly to install.

**Conclusion**  
I consider that the suggestions above would help to improve the current security arrangements and eradicate the problems the college has been facing recently.

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**Part 2 – 4**

To: Student College Committee Members  
From: Sam Collins, Student College Committee Member  
Subject: Schemes and events to be organised in order to raise money for famine-stricken countries  
Date: 16 July, 20...

**Purpose**  
As requested, I am submitting a proposal which outlines some schemes and events to help raise money to aid famine-stricken countries abroad. This proposal is to support a request by a local charity group wanting help to raise funds. Fund-raising events need to be practical to organise, bearing in mind that the end-of-year exams are only two months away.
Schemes to be organised
The following schemes are a good source of generating money: a sponsored Walkathon, door to door collecting and a sponsored car wash. The fund-raising would need to be done in three stages. Firstly, initiating soon after the meeting, a group of student volunteers could knock on doors within the community. They would collect donations and a list of sponsors for the Walkathon, and advertise a Sunday car wash day on campus. The second stage would be the actual day of the Walkathon and the Sunday car wash, where student volunteers would participate in walking from the campus to a designated point and back again. Then, on the Sunday, some student volunteers would be rostered to wash cars driven onto the campus for a fee to be determined at the coming meeting. The third phase would be to collect the promised money for the sponsored walk.

Events programme
This event should be held on a weekday during the third or fourth week, a month prior to the exams. The event is a market fair where private vendors are invited onto campus for a fee to sell their products and entertain students and community members. Also, some student volunteers on this day could hold a jumble sale where second-hand goods such as clothes, books, CDs, etc. are sold or auctioned off. At night a disco/dance party could be held with an entrance fee. During the week leading up to this night, tickets for a raffle could be sold. The first prize could be a restaurant meal for two and for the second prize, the choice of a book or CD, both prizes donated by local retailers.

Conclusion
In conclusion, I believe that the proposed plan could be achieved in conjunction with the local charity group. Dates, times and volunteer groups need to be finalised as soon as possible at a special meeting of both the charity organisation and the student group.

Paper 3: Use of English

Part 1
1 to 9 least
2 there 10 nor
3 only/just 11 even
4 that 12 case
5 by 13 did
6 like 14 to
7 on 15 as
8 This

Part 2
16 intended 21 implication
17 pulsating 22 unorthodox
18 (in)equity 23 optimistic
19 sensitivity 24 oddity/oddities
20 enriching 25 influential

Part 3
26 charged 29 treated
27 rest 30 front
28 short 31 stand

Part 4
32 the children out of your sight
33 there (simply) was no/wasn’t any point in pursuing
34 on (the) condition that they do
35 you’ll have to make your own way
36 be mistaking me for
37 be out of touch with
38 may mean putting off
39 ruled him out of

Part 5
40 tries to achieve fame simply to become famous
41 those who continue to show common feelings and emotions
42 you become a target for others to be nasty to
43 the biggest mistake that the famous make
44 (Suggested answer)
The public may turn against celebrities if they become obsessed with their fame instead of fulfilling their perceived duty as symbols of qualities ordinary people lack. Also, fame is accorded by the public, so in return they see it as their right to attack the celebrity mercilessly should he or she make any kind of mistake, be foolish or even just naive.

Paper 4: Listening

Part 1
1 A 3 B 5 A 7 B
2 B 4 A 6 A 8 A

Part 2
9 (small) verbal clues 14 bore
10 consumer attitudes 15 nautical background
11 intelligence 16 direct answers
12 occurs frequently 17 supplement
13 expression and allusions

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aluminium trays and plastic bags we bin each week without a second thought. However, ‘Waste Watch’ – an environmental group – have recently produced a leaflet containing a few hard facts guaranteed to make us think twice before we reach for that ‘triple-packed-for-freshness’ big boxed pizza on our next visit to the supermarket.

Every year, European households throw away almost 11 million tonnes of useless wrapping and packaging – much of which is non-biodegradable. Not only are we using up many of the earth’s irreplaceable natural resources in the manufacture of these unnecessary products, but we then spend billions sustaining a polluting waste disposal industry. It is, as Waste Watch says, utter madness. We need to take action, now, to halt this insanity. Waste Watch proposes several simple ways we can do this.

Firstly, we must change our consumption habits. By minimising our non-biodegradable waste and making the best use of re-usable packaging, we will, as individuals, already be making a massive positive change. Secondly, we can take responsibility for our immediate environment by creating group awareness within schools and the workplace and organising workable recycling schemes.

I think I have always underestimated my power as a consumer. The truth is that manufacturers will continue to produce environmentally harmful products for as long as you and I continue to buy them. Therefore, the most effective action we can take is to refuse to buy into the destruction game by punishing companies that are wasteful and pollute our planet. Find a Waste Watch leaflet enclosed in this magazine. This is your wake-up call!

Part 2 – 2

During a recent visit to my cousin’s house, I stumbled across a copy of Terry Pratchett’s ‘Wyrd Sisters’. Intrigued by the cover of the novel and the blatant misspelling, I took it home and discovered a world of magic and comedy, with an orangutan thrown in for good measure. The story takes place on the fantastic ‘Discworld’ and is actually a parody of Shakespeare’s play “Macbeth”. Three charismatic witches, Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg and Magrat Garlick, save the royal bloodline from a murderous and clearly insane regal relative, Duke Felmet.

The story begins on a stormy night in the hills of a tiny kingdom, known as Lancre. A loyal servant of the recently deceased king rescues the young heir to the throne and promptly runs into the trio of witches, as he is pursued by the Duke’s soldiers. The child is handed to Granny Weatherwax and the soldiers soon learn that confronting these women is not a clever idea. The adventure begins when the baby is adopted by the leader of a group of travelling thespians, while the Duke ensnares himself in the castle and tries to take control. A battle of wits between the good witches and the evil Duke ensues,
leading up to a grand finale when the heir returns to his kingdom, completely ignorant of his true identity.

The tale is an amazing accomplishment as it combines a variety of colourful characters with a hilarious sequence of events. Look out for the footnotes which add to the fun in this novel full of 'very British' humour.

Terry Pratchett weaves a wonderful tapestry of words that will captivate the reader's imagination from start to finish. If you have a quirky sense of humour, you shouldn't miss the chance to read the work of one of the funniest and most original writers around.

Dear Julie,

Thanks for your wonderful letter. I was glad to hear from you. It seems such a long time since we last met up. I must admit that I was rather shocked at your sudden decision to take off for twelve months to go working abroad. I know that we've often talked about doing this before, but at the moment I'm not really in a position to follow our plans through.

First of all, I haven't even got enough money for the airfare. Although we decided that it would be a good idea to start putting some savings aside, somehow I never got round to doing so. As you know, my car has cost me an awful lot to fix this year and I need it to get to work. Then my landlord has put up the rent. In short, I'm struggling to make ends meet – I've never been so broke in my life.

Apart from this, there's a strong chance of my being promoted at work. After my trying so hard for the last six months to show my real ability, the boss is finally starting to recognise my talents. There's talk of my being given the job of overseas advisor and it would be a great shame to waste such an opportunity. I'm sure that you would feel the same if you were in my shoes.

Of course, this doesn't mean that you should be put off going yourself. It's crossed my mind several times that it might be better to travel alone. I've heard so many stories about best friends and young couples who have fallen out whilst travelling for one reason or another, and I wouldn't like the same to happen to us. In any case, you're much more independent and outgoing than I am. It wouldn't be that difficult for you to go on your own.

Anyway, I hope that you're not too disappointed with my decision. I feel terrible because I swore that I wouldn't hesitate to accompany you. If you do decide to go, though, please let me know.

Regards,
Amy

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Part 2 – 4

To: Mr T. Brightsend, Developments Manager
From: Leigh Simpson, Project Co-ordinator
Subject: Halstead House
Date: 19th July, 20...

Introduction
The aim of this report is to present details of necessary alterations to Halstead House in order to convert the building into a recreational centre for the elderly. These findings are based on an assessment of minimum changes needed in order to create a functional centre in as short a time as possible.

Structural Adjustments
As far as access into each room is concerned, it is clear that the width of the doorways is the first priority. The doorways should be adjusted in order to allow easy passage for wheelchairs.

Use of Space
Although the house is of ample size, some rooms are inadequately proportioned and it is felt that knocking through some of the non-structural walls will create larger and more functional spaces. Similarly, the standard size of each toilet must be increased to make them comfortable and practical to use. Space must be increased in order to easily manœuvre a wheelchair, which means creating enough room to complete an entire circle.

Access
The most important factor in the renovation of a private to a public building is access, especially with concern to the elderly and disabled. Gaining access throughout the building should be considered a priority. A series of ramps is the most practical suggestion, enabling the tenants to come and go as they please. Also, a lift should be installed in order to help less able people reach the second floor.

Health and Safety
All public buildings must have standard exit routes in case of fire. Additional staircases may be needed to fulfil these requirements, as well as a fully functional fire alarm system. The entire house would need minor additions to fulfill basic health and safety regulations. The toilet cubicles should be fitted with handles in order to help elderly people use the facilities. In addition, these articles should be fitted with a security system, which would alert staff to any dangerous situations in these unsupervised areas.

Recommendations
After a detailed assessment of Halstead House, it is recommended that the aforementioned changes should be made in order to meet the minimum needs of a fully functional recreation centre for the elderly.
Paper 3: Use of English

Part 1
1 like
2 addition
3 are
4 whereby
5 so
6 rather
7 of
8 such
9 as
10 doing
11 all
12 as
13 has
14 yet
15 with

Part 2
16 successor
17 security
18 impenetrable
19 ignorance
20 extensive
21 mechanically
22 trustworthy
23 peculiarities
24 presence
25 playfully

Part 3
26 point
27 establish
28 pass
29 clear
30 case
31 scene

Part 4
32 me it was none/wasn't any of my business
33 didn't live up to our
34 hasn't made the slightest difference
35 went out of their way
36 to end up in/doing a job like
37 not to let the situation get out of
38 has (only) made matters worse
39 after I got home did I

Part 5
40 so much that they take it for granted
41 it is disappearing slowly
42 that much of its charm is a result of functional
43 the ancient man-made features of the British
44 (Suggested answer)

According to the writers, both buildings and landscape are under threat. Although there are vast numbers of historical buildings, these are gradually being attacked due to lax planning regulations allowing substantial alterations to properties, and excessively lenient penalties for demolishing them. The countryside, meanwhile, is threatened by changes in farming, government policies and the gradual spread of towns. There is also a lack of laws protecting traditional features like hedgerows.

Paper 4: Listening

Part 1
1 B
2 B
3 C
4 B
5 B
6 B
7 A
8 B

Part 2
15 shadowy
16 strict embargo
17 for intrigue
18 B
19 C
20 A
21 D
22 C

Part 3
18 B
19 C
20 A
21 D
22 C
23 B
24 H
25 B
26 H
27 B
28 K

Paper 1: Reading

Part 1
1 B
2 B
3 C
4 B
5 C
6 B
7 C
8 B
9 D
10 D
11 B
12 C
13 B
14 D
15 E
16 D
17 B
18 A

Part 2
19 C
20 B
21 B
22 D
23 A
24 D
25 A

Part 3
27 B
28 D
29 A
30 H
31 C
32 G
33 E

Part 4
34 C
35 D
36 B
37 C
38 D
39 C
40 C
Paper 2: Writing (Suggested Answers)

Part 1

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to the article on the freedom of the press, published in your last issue. I am in total agreement with the opinions expressed in the article since I believe that in many cases the press go too far in harassing ordinary citizens and celebrities.

Firstly, I think we would all agree that freedom of speech is one of the most precious human rights. However, the media often forgets that rights bring with them responsibilities. As your article pointed out, newspapers should report matters of general interest in an honest, accurate and unbiased way. Unfortunately, however, tabloid newspapers are generally responsible for more sensational, inaccurate, not to mention irrelevant, news stories in print. One of the main reasons for such content is circulation, as many readers are drawn to scandalous gossip such as stories on the private lives of the rich and famous, which tend to increase sales of the publication.

Nonetheless, not all of the blame for this decline in standards can be put on the shoulders of the tabloids. Broadsheets also compete in the battle for readers, allowing public demand to dictate what papers publish. As a result, articles that reveal celebrities’ secrets are now a major part of today’s media, even though they are a direct infringement on people’s right to privacy.

I also agree that the media has proven itself unfit to write its own rules of conduct.

I believe what is needed is an independent committee with the power to regulate the substance of news reports but which refrains from censorship. In this way, the press will be restricted to news items that portray relevant information rather than sensational reports used to tempt consumers.

To sum up, the modern press should not be at liberty to generate stories just to justify demand. The public’s ‘right to know’ does not justify the invasion of privacy that is practised in the name of freedom of the press.

Yours faithfully,
Jimmy Saville

Part 2 – 3

Musician shines in college talent contest

Yesterday I witnessed Wilberforce College’s 12th annual All-Comers Talent Competition. The winner was our very own Chris Cornell with a breathtaking display of vocals and guitar skills.

The evening began with a bang after guest magician David Daniels stunned the crowd with an amazing underwater escape act. The quality of the acts was consistently high and competition was fierce. The large range of this year’s acts was no disappointment. Featured were the Thompson Brothers with a display of gravity-defying acrobatics which thrilled the spectators, followed by violinist Nigel May who took everyone into the classical world of Vivaldi’s Four Seasons. Talent kept shining through, with vocalists giving renditions of ballads by Celine Dion, Mariah Carey and Michael Ball. Rebecca Howe performed a wonderfully moving modern ballet solo, which was a big favourite with the crowd.

The judges came from a range of different backgrounds. The West End choreographer Andrew Rice, musician Paul Elliott from local band “Over the Top” and previously-mentioned David Daniels were among the six specially chosen adjudicators. Most felt that on balance the final result was a fair one.

The quality of each act showed that every hopeful had practised or trained for many months before their big moment. Rebecca Howe is said to have accepted an
offer from judge Andrew Rice to join his production company in London. As for violinist Nigel May, he has been offered a place at the prestigious Belle View College for Music with a three-year scholarship. The winner, music student Chris Cornell, has been offered a lead vocalist opportunity with nationally recognised rock band ‘Black and White Melon’.

As one of the judges, Paul Elliot’s reaction to this year’s event was enthusiastic and hopeful. He said, “The quality of the acts was fantastic and it was a hard decision for us to choose a winner. I hope each contestant will go on to be successful in what they want to do.” All in all, this year’s Wilberforce College Talent Show was probably the biggest and most entertaining to date. Next year’s contest has high standards to meet in order to match it. Congratulations to all who were involved.

Part 2 – 4

To: Scarborough Council
From: Jason Vorhees, Crystal Lake Travel Agency
Subject: The declining number of tourists
Date: 19th March, 200 ...

Introduction
The purpose of this report is to ascertain the factors which have contributed to the significant decline in the number of tourists visiting Scarborough for two consecutive years, as well as to offer some suggestions as to what could be done to attract tourists back to the town.

Facilities
Although there are a sufficient number of hotels in the town, most of them cater for the needs of the less well-off tourist. There is a remarkable lack of facilities to suit those who are more affluent. For instance, there are no five-star hotels, and some existing hotels need to be renovated so that they can offer modern amenities. Restaurants, generally, only seem to be able to offer standard English dishes which are not exactly favoured by foreign tourists. Steps should be taken so that a variety of Continental and International dishes will be on offer. Concerning public buildings, the situation is generally satisfactory, with the exception that ramps should be fitted in a few of them to facilitate access for those tourists who are disabled.

Appearance
Although a great deal seems to have been done to eliminate the problem of vandalism and litter in the town centre, should any tourist wander off the beaten track, he will unfortunately come face to face with vandalised phone booths and graffiti-covered walls just a few hundred yards from the Old Town.

Publicity
There is remarkable lack of advertising in the National Press concerning Scarborough’s sites of historical interest, and on the whole one gets the impression that its infrastructure is not tourist-friendly. For instance, the town is not properly signposted and most tourists cannot find their way around. One solution would be to set up tourist information kiosks where tourists can find out information about the town.

Recommendations
To attract tourists, the town needs to improve the standard of accommodation available and the food on offer. More steps also need to be taken to clean the areas around the town centre. In addition, the centre needs to be clearly signposted, with tourist information kiosks that would provide tourists with all the information they need.

Paper 3: Use of English

Part 1

1 matter 9 even
2 can 10 as
3 all 11 against/about
4 only 12 out
5 of 13 without
6 during 14 another
7 worth 15 might
8 whenever

Part 2

16 symbolic 21 servility
17 intricacies 22 tolerance
18 sensitive 23 prosecution
19 movements 24 offensive
20 irritation 25 disrespect

Part 3

26 keep 29 apply
27 stretched 30 stroke
28 false 31 lay

Part 4

32 were not taken into account/account of
33 little scope for (real)
34 to have nothing in common
35 did/worked wonders for
36 owe it to ourselves not to give up
37 (largely) be put down to
38 the situation, they did the best
39 came as a shock/surprise to
Part 5

40 to be taken seriously
41 the appearance of the term ‘stress’ to describe common feelings
42 because people fail to recognise the psychological condition they are suffering from
43 maintaining focus and concentration
44 (Suggested answer)
   We need to be cautious because ‘stress’ is not easy to define. Although usually regarded as negative and associated with anxiety and depression, it can also be a positive force, warning us of danger and stimulating adrenalin to ensure better performance. Some experts even claim that ‘stress’ as such is non-existent, a meaningless term which it is just a modern obsession to use to describe normal negative feelings.

Paper 4: Listening

Part 1

1 A  3 B  5 B  7 B
2 B  4 C  6 C  8 A

Part 2

9 experts and fanatics  15 fuel/create
10 last two digits  16 speculation
11 anarchy/looting  17 expiry dates
12 (a) global recession  18 non-event
13 precautions
14 their debts

Part 3

18 D  20 A  22 D
19 B  21 C

Part 4

23 B  25 B  27 D
24 J  26 B  28 J