

Paper 2 Section B: Writing

Introduction and advice

The writing task appears on the paper as Question 5. It comes straight after the reading questions in Section A.

Unlike in Paper 1, there will be just one writing task: you will not have a choice. The exam paper will ask you to express your own personal **viewpoint** on a topic. That topic will link to the texts in the reading section of Paper 2.

Here is an example exam writing task:

'Teenagers nowadays spend far too long on social media. Not only does this waste their time, but it also leaves them open to stress and abuse.'

Write the text of a leaflet for parents, advising them on how they can help their teenage children use social media sensibly. **[40 marks]**

Understanding the question

The task will tell you the **context** for your writing. The context is the audience, purpose and form. You will also be given a strong statement about the topic. This will help you to develop your own strong point of view.

The audience will always require you to write formally, and for one of these purposes:

- to explain
- to instruct or advise
- to argue
- to persuade.

The form could be:

- a letter
- an article (for example, for a newspaper)
- the text for a leaflet
- a speech
- an essay.

In the task above:

- the **audience** is parents
- the **purpose** is to advise
- the **form** is the text of a leaflet.



- 📖 Paper 2
- 📖 Section B: Writing
- 📖 Marks: 40
- 📖 Time: 45 minutes



NAIL IT!

Spend 45 minutes on planning, writing and checking your writing:

- Planning: 5 minutes.
- Writing: 35 minutes.
- Checking, correcting and improving: 5 minutes.