

TASK 1. READING (10 points: 1 answer = 1 point)

Put the following parts of the text in the correct order to recreate the text. Answer sheet 1-10.

How to Become a More Confident Writer

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- A.** Try to block out a period of time every day that works well for you. If you write best in the morning, get up a little earlier than your siblings or parents and spend the first hour of your day writing. You'll be surprised at how much you can write in a short amount of time this way.
Set an attainable goal for each day of writing.
- B.** WRITING comes naturally to some people, while others struggle to find the words. However, a good writer is not just someone that is talented but also someone who has a passion for writing, writes frequently to stay in practice and also stays up-to-date with information related to the topics that he or she writes about.
- C.** Keep track of your goals and whether or not you achieved them in a log. Sometimes it's hard to look back and see your progress. Chances are, you have absolutely no idea how much you've written. Keeping a log can help you. Some people find that a word or page count (in Microsoft Word or Google Docs) works very well for this purpose. Record your own progress to see it!
- D.** Experts recommend setting aside no less than one hour per day to write. It would be very easy to let this slide as "more important" issues come up, but try hard not to let that happen. When you get out of the habit of writing, it's hard to get back into it.
- E.** Sometimes a burst of inspiration will occur then as you go along with your day and go home that inspiration may have escaped you. Avoid this by taking a notebook or journal around with you wherever you go.
- F.** If you think of yourself as a fiction writer, take a step outside of your comfort zone occasionally, and write an article or a nonfiction essay. You

may learn new techniques by trying a new style, or you may find a new way of writing that you prefer.

- G.** If this seems overwhelming at first, make your daily goal very small. One page is plenty at first. As you build up your endurance, you will be able write much more every day.

Keep a notebook or journal handy.

- H.** Just as with any other skill that you want to perfect and feel good about, you have to build up your endurance as a writer.

Experiment with different styles of writing.

- I.** If you run into writer's block, then there are tips and tricks that you can use to get the creative juices flowing and start writing, but it is also at least equally important to continue writing on a regular basis in order to develop your writing skills and become an experienced writer.

Write every single day.

- J.** However, don't fall into the trap of only writing when you feel "inspired." It's important to write even when you're not excited about it, in order to keep yourself in the habit.

Remember that writing requires training.

TASK 2. USE OF ENGLISH (10 points: 1 answer = 2 points)

Fill the gaps with 5 words from the box. Each word is used only once. You may need to change the word (its form and tense) in order for it to fit the context. There are 2 extra words in the box. Answer sheet 11-15.

Video Games Are Good for You!

BAD – DIFFER – INTEREST – SHOW – SOCIETY – VARY – USE
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For years video games have been criticised for making people more overweight, **11.**_____, or depressed. But now researchers are finding that games can actually change us for the better and improve both our body and mind.

Games can help to develop physical skills. Pre-school children who played interactive games such as the ones available on Wii have been shown to have improved motor skills, for example they can kick, catch and throw a ball better

than children who don't play video games. Vision is also improved, particularly telling the **12.**_____ between shades of grey. This is **13.**_____ for driving at night or piloting a plane.

Games also benefit a **14.**_____ of brain functions, including decision-making. People who play action-based games make decisions 25 per cent faster than others and are no less accurate, according to one study. Almost a decade ago it was also found that the best gamers can make choices and act on them up to six times a second, four times faster than most people. Recently, researchers from the University of Rochester in New York **15.**_____ that experienced gamers are able to pay attention to more than six things at once without getting confused, compared with the four that most people can normally keep in mind.

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TASK 3. USE OF ENGLISH (10 points: 1 answer = 2 points)

Imagine that you are a teacher. You asked your students to study the text from Task 2. Make up 5 questions that would check the students' understanding of the text. 5 questions must be different yes/no questions (at least one) and wh-questions. Answer sheet 16-20.

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TASK 4. SOCIOCULTURAL COMPETENCE (10 points: 1 answer = 1 point)

Match the idioms and their definitions. Two definitions are extra. Answer sheet 21-25.

21. in the doghouse	A. very pleased about something you have achieved
22. like the cat that got the cream	B. to be in a bad mood, getting annoyed very easily
23. keep the wolf from the door	C. used to say that someone is angry with you because you have done something wrong
24. like a bear with a sore head	D. to manage to earn enough money to buy food and other essential things

25. take the bull by the horns	E. used to say about someone who is hiding because they are shy
	F. used to say about someone who had a sleepless night
	G. to deal with a problem in a very direct and confident way, even though there is some risk in doing this

TASK 5. SOCIOCULTURAL COMPETENCE (10 points: 1 answer = 1 point)

Choose the best idioms to complete the sentences. Change the grammar and/or form if necessary. Transfer the idiom to the answer sheet 26-30.

26. I decided to _____ and ask him to leave.
27. I'm prepared to do anything to _____.
28. After her victory in the contest, Janet spent the rest of the day looking _____.
29. I seem to be _____ with her but I don't know why as she is not telling me.
30. John is always _____ first thing in the morning—it's best not to even talk to him until he's had his coffee.

TASK 6. WRITING (60 points)
(40 minutes, 200-220 words)

Imagine that your school magazine asked you to write a news report on the recent INTERNATIONAL event in your town called "World Cuisine Festival: learn, cook, eat!" the aim of which was to let people get acquainted with national cuisine of different countries.

Write a report following the plan:

1. Name the date, the place and the event;
2. Describe what people are doing in the first picture;
3. Name the dish in the second picture, its country of origin and ingredients;
4. Say why such events are important today;
5. Introduce people's opinions.

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Вариант 5

Follow the rules of news report writing. Make sure your report has:

- a headline
- a byline and a placeline
- a lead paragraph
- body paragraphs
- a conclusion



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