

**FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH
for Schools**

Writing

Sample Test 2**Time** 1 hour 20 minutes**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 the Part 1 question and one question from Part 2.

Write your answers on the answer sheet.

Write clearly in **pen**, not pencil. You may make alterations, but make sure your work is easy to read.

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.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

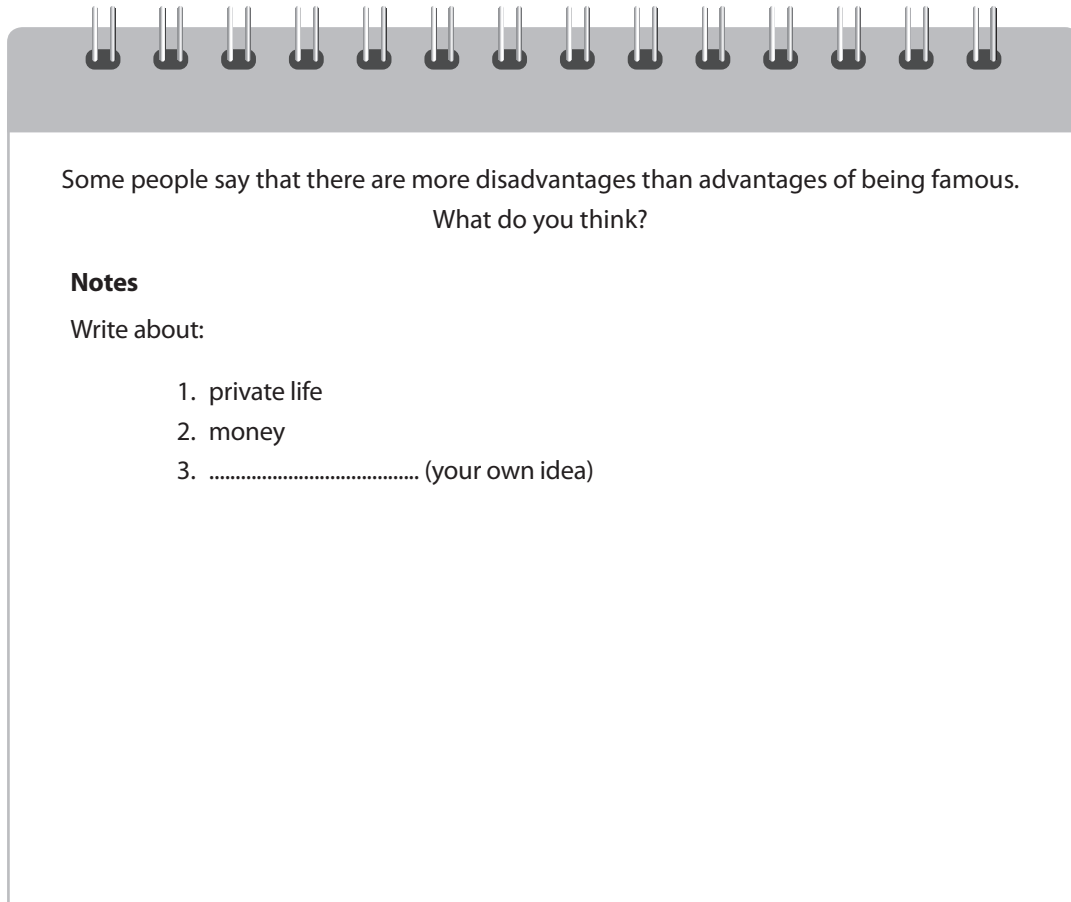
Each question in this paper carries equal marks.

Part 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140 – 190** words in an appropriate style **on the separate answer sheet**.

- 1** In your English class you have been talking about famous people’s lives. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay for homework.

Write an essay using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.



Some people say that there are more disadvantages than advantages of being famous.
What do you think?

Notes

Write about:

1. private life
2. money
3. (your own idea)

Part 2

Write an answer to **one** of the questions **2 – 5** in this part. Write your answer in **140 – 190** words in an appropriate style **on the separate answer sheet**. Put the question number in the box at the top of the answer sheet.

- 2 You have seen this announcement on an English-language website for young people.

Stories wanted

We are looking for stories for our English-language website for teenagers. Your story must **begin** with this sentence:

Alex opened the door and saw something amazing.

Your story must include:

- a bicycle
- a friend

Write your **story**.

- 3 You see this announcement in an international English-language magazine.

Articles wanted Being healthy



Is it important for young people to think about their health? Why?

How do young people in your area stay fit and healthy? Are there enough opportunities in your area for young people to be fit and healthy?

The best articles will appear in the next magazine!

Write your **article**.

- 4 You have received this email from your English friend Sam.

From: Sam

Subject: photography project

Hi,

I'm coming to your country on holiday with my family soon, and I'd like to take some photographs for a school photography project that I'm doing. Can you tell me where I can take some interesting pictures of places and people? Why would these be good to photograph?

Thanks for your help!

Sam

Write your **email**.

- 5 Which character do you find most interesting in *Great Expectations* and why?

Write your **essay**.

[Note: Students who have studied the set text in class may choose to answer Question 5. The set text mentioned above is an example and will change each year.]