

Part 1

You must answer this question. Write your answer in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.

Tip Strip

- Begin by underlining the key words in the instructions, e.g. 'the importance of team work', 'give reasons for your point of view'.
- Read the essay question and the two written prompts. Note down a couple of ideas for each prompt, and also some interesting vocabulary you may use. For example, for the second prompt you could jot down 'individual sports like swimming', 'team mates give support'. Think of a third idea and make some notes on that too. Possible topics might be social activities, travelling, etc.
- Introduce the topic in the first paragraph. You can do this by rephrasing the essay question, for example: 'There are times when it is better to do things with other people, and times when it is better to be on your own.'
- In paragraph 2, you may want to deal with school projects, homework, etc. In paragraph 3, you may want to discuss some individual and team sports. Don't forget to summarise your opinions briefly in the last paragraph.
- Try to use a variety of tenses and grammatical structures.
- When you have finished, check that you have dealt with the two notes provided, and with a point of your own. Check that you have written between 140 and 190 words, but don't waste time counting every word.
- Finally, check your grammar and spelling.

- 1 In your English class you have been talking about the importance of team work. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

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

**Is it better to do things with other people  
or to do them on your own?**

**Notes**

Write about:

1. work at school or college
2. sports activities
3. .... (your own idea)

Write your **essay**.

Part 2

Write an answer to **one** of the questions 2–4 in this part. Write your answer in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.

- 2 Your school has recently published the first issue of the school magazine. Now your teacher has asked you to write a report, saying what your classmates like or dislike about the articles, the sports page and the school news section, and making suggestions on how the magazine could be improved.

Write your **report**.

- 3 You have seen an advertisement for a drama course and you want to apply.

**Do you dream of a career in film or theatre?**

At the Lloyd Drama College, we are offering four free places on our summer courses.

Write to Cynthia Roddick, the director, explaining

- why you want to attend a course
- what acting and/or dancing experience you have
- how many days a week you would be available.

Write your **letter**. Do not write any postal addresses.

- 4 You have read this in the website of a student magazine.

**Write for us**

How would you like to see your own article on 'Staying Fit' on our website? Get your foot on the ladder to literary fame!

Tells us:

- What kind of exercise you'd recommend for a busy student
- How students could eat a healthy diet on a small budget
- Any other advice?

Write your **article**.

Tip Strip

- Read all the questions carefully before choosing one. Think: Do you like writing that task type (e.g. an article)? Do you have some ideas and enough vocabulary to complete the task? For example, choose Question 4 if you like writing articles and have some vocabulary related to fun activities to keep fit.
- All the options require you to write in paragraphs. Before you start writing, note down the main point you want to include in each paragraph.

**Question 2:** Underline the four points you have to write about (what your classmates like or dislike, the sports page, the school news section, your advice on improvements). You may want to use a heading for each part, or combine two sections under one heading.

**Question 3:** First of all, think of who you are writing to and what style you need to use. Will it be formal or informal? Then look at the three points you need to cover (reasons for wanting to attend the course, your experience, and your availability). You may want to write three paragraphs and include one point in each.

**Question 4:** Think of fun ideas for students to exercise, for example, skateboarding or playing volleyball, and explain why you recommend them. Give some ideas about easy and inexpensive meals and snacks. Think of one more piece of advice, e.g., drinking water instead of soft drinks.