GCSE English Language

Unit 3 Exam

Reading and Writing: Argumentation, Persuasion and Instruction.

Sports theme

2 hours

Reading Section: 40 marks. Answer ALL questions.

Writing Section: 40 marks. Answer BOTH questions.
SECTION A (READING) : 40 marks

TEXT A

A1. Tick one definition from the choices below which best defines the word “legacy”. [1]

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<td>what has been improved</td>
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<td>an area of land</td>
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A2. How many Rugby World Cup fixtures will take place in the stadium? [1]

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A3. Which feature of the stadium will be the largest of its kind in the world? [1]

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TEXT B

A4. Put the text’s four instructions into the order they should be followed. You only need to write the first word of each instruction. [4]

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A5. Tick one box to show which purpose best describes the purpose of this text. [1]

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A6. Summarise five main reasons from the text for why boxing should not be banned. [5]

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A7. Name **two** boxing venues mentioned in the text. [2]

A8. How does the writer try to persuade the reader to believe the fight should not have continued?

*Refer to how the writer uses language and structure to influence the reader.* [5]
TEXT E

A9. Which of the following points does the writer include to represent the views of supporters of boxing? Tick two. [2]

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<td>It is a good form of exercise for young people.</td>
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<td>b</td>
<td>It can turn socially disadvantaged people into honest citizens.</td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Boxers are intelligent people who know what risks they are taking.</td>
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<td>d</td>
<td>Boxing is not dangerous.</td>
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<td>e</td>
<td>Fans enjoy the art and technique of boxing.</td>
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<td>f</td>
<td>Boxing is a highly controlled and regulated sport.</td>
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A10. In the first paragraph the writer uses the phrase “gratuitous violence and testosterone-fuelled machismo”. Explain what this phrase means. [2]

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A11. Number these points of view 1-4 to show the order the writer includes them in the text. [1]

☐ Both illegal and legalised boxing are dangerous.

☐ Spencer Oliver is an example of a boxer who suffered serious injuries in the ring.

☐ A convicted criminal being allowed into Britain just because he is a famous boxer shows that money comes before morality in the boxing world.

☐ The main interest of boxing spectators is the violence.
A12. Does the writer of this newspaper report present a point of view which is in favour of boxing, against boxing or neutral? Give reasons for your answer and use details from the text which support your answer. [5]
A13. Both Text E and Text F are about the risks associated with boxing. Compare and contrast:

- the writers' use of examples and evidence
- the writers' choice of language to affect the reader
SECTION B (Writing) : 40 marks

In this task you will be assessed for the quality of your writing skills.

Answer both B1 and B2.

B1. Write a speech to be given in your year group’s assembly to persuade pupils to participate in the school sports day. [20]

10 marks are awarded for communication and organisation; 10 marks are awarded for writing accurately.

You should aim to write about 200-300 words.

The space below can be used to plan your work before you start writing.

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B2. You recently read an online blog where the writer was extremely critical about a sport or type of exercise that you enjoy. Write your own online blog to argue either in favour or against one particular sport or type of exercise.

[20]

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