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**Before answering a Part 1 essay question, plan your answer and make notes.**

Read this Part 1 task and look at the paragraph plan. Do you agree with the ideas in the notes? What is your own point of view?

A sample answer to this task is given on page 32.

In your English class you have been talking about museums. 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.

Museums no longer have an important role in this digital age. Do you agree?

**Notes:** Write about:

- 1 what role museums had in the past
- 2 how to find out about history online
- 3 ...why museums are still important... (your own idea)

**Paragraph plan:**

- 1 Introduce the subject of the essay
- 2 Discuss the role of museums in the past  
*Provided an educational role*  
*Opportunity to see rare objects*
- 3 Describe ways of finding out about history on the Internet  
*Use a search engine to get information*  
*Look at video clips about ancient buildings*
- 4 Explain why museums remain important  
*Better to see real objects*  
*More reliable as staff are experts*  
*Form of leisure entertainment*

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**Use the right linking word in sentences.**

Use a dictionary to help you choose the best alternative from the words in these sentences below.

- 1 I was also wondering *if / whether* the meals are included in the offer.
- 2 *Even if / Even though* it is a small town, there are many cinemas, bars, and clubs.
- 3 The date of the trip could be between 15 *and / or* 22 February.

- 4 A play is successful *since / if* it shows the audience something about life.
- 5 I wouldn't change anything in my home life *neither / or* in my school life.
- 6 Daniel's brother went travelling *despite / because* having little money.

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**Check the prefixes you use in word formation.**

Add a negative prefix to each of these words, choosing from the ones in the box.

|      |     |     |     |     |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| dis- | im- | in- | ir- | un- |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

- 1 ..... advantage
- 2 ..... expensive
- 3 ..... frequently
- 4 ..... honest
- 5 ..... patient
- 6 ..... successful
- 7 ..... regularly
- 8 ..... responsible
- 9 ..... fortunately
- 10 ..... agree

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**Remember to check whether double consonants are needed or not. Many English words include double consonants, for example *difference*.**

Use a dictionary to correct any spelling mistakes below (one word is correctly spelled).

- 1 exaggerate
- 2 reppresentation
- 3 embarased
- 4 biggest
- 5 begining
- 6 writter
- 7 oportunity
- 8 proffessional

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**Remember the correct uses of the verbs *say* and *tell*. Many candidates use the verb *say*, when they should use *tell*.**

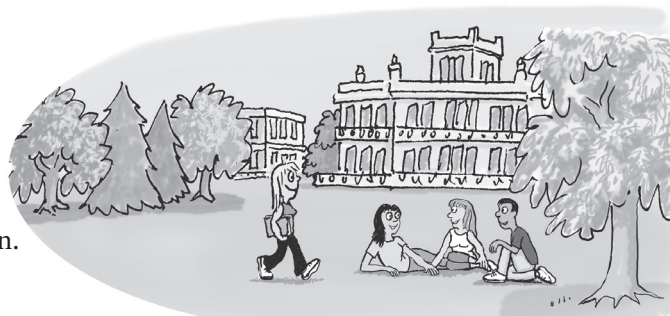
*The nurse told me that I was in hospital.*

NOT: *The nurse said me that I was in hospital.*

### Revise common verb-noun collocations.

Circle the correct verb in these sentences to make the correct collocation.

- 1 While you are with them you could *have / spend* some good fun.
- 2 If you *ride / drive* your bicycle, you can work out too.
- 3 Why are you *doing / making* such a big effort to get money?
- 4 Many technological advances are being *done / made* about which we still remain sceptical.
- 5 If you *make / have* a mistake it is easy to correct it.
- 6 We *took / made* a boat trip down the river.
- 7 I couldn't *talk / speak* English so I just answered yes or no.
- 8 First, I must tell you that I *made / did* some new arrangements.
- 9 I *watched / looked* out of the window and saw a group of lights in the sky.
- 10 I saw your club *announced / advertised* in the newspaper.



### Make sure you start each answer well, as a positive first impression is very important.

Match the task types (1–5) with their openings (A–E), written by Spanish-speaking *First* candidates. Then read the examiner's comments and decide which comment (a–e) goes with which opening.

- 1 article
- 2 essay
- 3 informal letter
- 4 letter of application
- 5 report

A

*This is a very controversial issue, which does not have an easy solution. It is often said that professional footballers earn an enormous amount of money, more than they should. However, it is also the case that some of them do not get paid that much, and have to give up playing football to avoid bankruptcy.*

B

*In order to prepare this document, I spoke with students, teachers and staff of this school. Most of them agree that a reception area has to be a nice, open space, where students and visitors can meet without disturbing other people and the staff working there.*

C

Hi Kim

*You are never going to believe what I did last month! I was walking with my sister in London, when suddenly a man stopped us saying that he was looking for people to help in a concert. Luis Miguel was doing the concert and he is my favorite singer.*

D

*Can you afford to go to the cinema every week? Would you like to be able to buy that pair of shoes you saw recently? Here are some ideas of the best ways for young people to earn a bit of money.*

E

*Dear Mrs Ashby,  
I am writing in response to your advertisement about weekend work in your café. You might be interested in hearing that I am 24 years old and have just finished a chef's course.*

#### Examiner's comments

A very good opening because:

- a) ✓ it starts in a lively way by asking questions to get the reader's attention and interest.
- b) ✓ it makes early reference to the advertisement and uses a modal verb effectively.
- c) ✓ it introduces the topic in a general way, presenting both sides of the argument.
- d) ✓ it uses a friendly tone and shows good control of a long and complex sentence.
- e) ✓ it gives relevant background information and states in general terms what people would like to have.