

Writing task 1

Time: **20 minutes**

Choose **one** of the following topics (**either a or b**) and write **about 120 words**.

Write in sentences and paragraphs.

Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this task.

a. Describe your primary (elementary) school education.

Use the following to develop your ideas. (Do not directly copy this text.)

Where was the school?

Describe the buildings and grounds.

What sort of uniform did you wear?

What subjects did you study?

Who was your favourite teacher?

What sports/activities did you do?

or

b. Describe a religious or cultural festival in your country.

Use the following to develop your ideas. (Do not directly copy this text.)

When is the festival?

Who celebrates this festival?

What customs are followed? (eg. dress, food, activities)

What do people do?

What is special about this festival?

Writing task 2

Time: 40 minutes

Choose **one** of the following topics (**either a or b**) and write a short essay of **about 200 words**.

Structure your essay into paragraphs that introduce, develop and conclude your discussion.

Do not spend more than 40 minutes on this task.

a. Discuss the importance of education in your country.

Use the following to develop your ideas. (Do not directly copy this text.)

What are the main features of the education system?

What percentage of the population complete secondary education?

What are the advantages of education for individuals?

What are the advantages of education for the society?

What effect does education have on economic development?

b. Discuss the role of women in the defence forces in your country.

Use the following to develop your ideas. (Do not directly copy this text.)

What roles do women play in your defence forces?

Are women able to perform combat duties? Why? Why not?

Are men more suited to some duties than women?

What limits the range of employment options for women in the defence forces?

How is the role of women changing?

