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ENGLISH

Paper 2 Writing

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Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour

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MATERIALS

- You will need no other materials.
- You **MUST NOT** have access to a dictionary or any other spelling or grammar aid.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Answer **BOTH** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do not write on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this answer book.
- Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.



INFORMATION

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 30.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

ADVICE

You are advised to spend 20 minutes on QUESTION 1 and 40 minutes on QUESTION 2.

DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO



Answer BOTH questions.

Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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You have read this article on the website of Mercury, a news outlet.

LOCAL SCHOOL BANS MAKEUP

The Principal of Bramby High School, Sonda Phillips, has defended sending home 14-year-old Jenny Miller for wearing makeup. The Principal said, ‘We can’t have one rule for some students and different rules for others. Our makeup ban applies to all.’

Jenny’s mother, Janice Miller, said, ‘It’s a disgrace because Jenny only wears a bit of eye makeup. I’m going to keep her out of school until they change their mind.’

**Is the school right about this?
Does Jenny’s mum have a point?
Should Jenny be kept off school?
What are your views?**

**To join the debate, send an email to:
News@brambymercury.co.uk**



You wish to contribute to the debate. Write an email explaining your views about this subject for submission to Mercury. Your email should be approximately 150 to 200 words in total.

Remember to:

- **plan your answer**
- **use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar**
- **write clearly and effectively.**

[6 marks]

[+ 3 marks for SPaG]

Plan your answer here:

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Write your email in the space below:

NEW MESSAGE

To... **News@brambymercury.co.uk**

Cc... _____

Subject: _____

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You have seen the following invitation in LifesABuzz, a lifestyle magazine.

Here at LifesABuzz we are looking for your stories about finding new places. Towns, cities, the great outdoors...anywhere at all.

Tell us about a time you went somewhere new. A time when you were thrilled at the experience.

**Submit online at: lifesabuzz.co.uk
Prizes for the best stories.**

You want to submit a response to the LifesABuzz website.

Write an account about visiting a place for the first time.

Remember to:

- **plan your answer**
- **use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar**
- **write accurately in sentences and paragraphs.**

[12 marks]

[+ 9 marks for SPaG]



Plan your answer here:

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Write your account here:

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