

1. Richard, your English friend, has sent you some birthday money for you to buy a new DVD.

Write an email to Richard. In your email, you should ...

- thank him for the present,
- tell him which DVD you are going to buy,
- explain why you have chosen this film.

Write about 50 words.

2. This is part of a letter you receive from an English penfriend:

*My sister's getting married next week and we are all excited about the wedding. Tell me about weddings in your country. What do people wear? Do they eat special food?*

Now write a letter, answering your penfriend's questions.

3. Your teacher has asked you to write a story for homework. Your story must begin with this sentence:

*As the concert finished, I heard someone call my name.*

## Sample A (Assignment 1)

Dear Richard

I write to thank you for the present. I'm very happy that you give me the DVD of "Spiderman 2" because I hadn't it. This afternoon I'm going to buy for you the DVD of "The Gladiator". I chose it because I like very much and because it is my favourite film.

### Examiners Comment:

This answer implies a misreading of the question; point 1 is acceptable but points 2 and 3 are irrelevant.

Mark: 2

## Sample B (Assignment 1)

Hi Richard!

Thanks for the money! I'm very happy. I will buy a DVD. Do you remember the first film we have seen together? I'll buy it! I remember very good moments that I have passed with you when I see it that I will never forget.

Bye!

### Examiners Comment:

This is a clever reading of the question. The answer is complete, although there are some grammar mistakes.

Mark: 5

## Sample C (Assignment 1)

Dear Richard

Hello Richard. How are you? I really thank you for the present you sent me. With the money you sent me I'm going to buy the new DVD "Narnia" because it's a fantastic film and very scared. It's the best!

Love [signature]

### Examiners Comment:

All content elements have been adequately dealt with and the message has been communicated successfully on the whole. Some mistakes.

Mark: 4

## Sample D (Assignment 2)

Dear Jenny,

How are you? I hope fine. Thanks a lot for your letter. It is wonderful that your sister is getting married. What a surprise! Well, I think all weddings are quite different, but I can remember when my aunt got married 2 years ago. It was in the summer and of course all guests looked very summery. They all had different types of dresses and suits. I saw lots of red, yellow and orange colours. It was amazing. They had also different kinds of food. There was fish, meat, soups, different kinds of salads and vegetables. I hope you will enjoy the wedding. Have a nice celebration. Good luck for your sister. I hope to hear from you soon.

Love [signature]

### Examiners Comment:

This is a very good attempt with confident and ambitious use of language, e.g.: 'Well, I think all weddings are quite different ...'. There is a wide range of structures and vocabulary and some simple linking devices have been used, e.g.: 'because', 'and', 'in the summer', '2 years ago'. There are some minor mistakes, e.g.: 'surprise', 'different' and 'salads' but no effort is required from the reader.

Band: 5

## Sample E (Assignment 2)

Dear Sue!

I am so excited because my sister is getting married next Saturday. My whole family is getting ready. In my country the weddings are very interesting. The bride wears a white big dress till midnight after she changes her dress for a red, short dress. The husband wears a black suit. Usually the wedding starts about at 4pm and finishes the next morning at 5am. The food is always traditional Hungarian. On the wedding we have a fun and we dance a lot. I hope one day you will see what a Hungarian wedding. Tell me what's happening on the English wedding.

Lots of love

### Examiners Comment:

This is an acceptable attempt with a suitable range of structures and vocabulary, e.g.: 'Usually the wedding starts about 4pm', 'change her dress for' and 'traditional'. There are a number of

mistakes, though mainly non-impending, e.g.: 'My all family getting ready' and 'On the wedding we having a fun'. So only a little effort is required from the reader.

Band: 3

### Sample F (Assignment 2)

Dear, Sally

How are you? Thank you for your letter and condratulion for your sister. I'm dont hear hear that well you want know for weding in my country. We are making a bigger celebration and we invitied a many friends on the day. We are wearing a drees wedding. It was special for it. The women how weding is wearing a beatiful wedding semiler than you and she make her hair a new stely. In the end of day bring the food. We have a much food and different kind of the food because we invitied many people.

I hope to invitied you for medding my brother next manth. I am looking fowrawd to seeing your soon.

Love [signature]

#### Examiners Comment:

This is an inadequate attempt with severe mistakes, leading into incoherence, e.g: 'I'm don't hear hear that' and 'The women how weding is wearing'. The language is severely inaccurate - see above examples - so considerable effort is required from the reader.

Band: 2

### Sample G (Assignment 3)

As the concert finished, I heard someone call my name. I turned around and I saw a man is waving to me.

'Hey, Jack!' I shouted. He ran to me and looked so excited. 'I thought that was you but I'm not sure, I called your name and you turned around', He said. 'I can't believe we can meet here'...

We were very good friends since primary school but he left after we graduated and have not seen each other till now. He invitied me to his wedding as he is going to marry with her girlfriend soon. He is a very famous businessman now and being very successful.

Looking forward to go to his wedding and hope they can be sweet forever.

### Examiners Comment:

This is an attempt with a fairly ambitious use of language, e.g.: 'Hey, Jack! I shouted. He ran to me and looked so excited.' A more than adequate range of structures and vocabulary has been used, e.g.: 'We were very good friends ... graduated'. There are a number of mistakes, mainly non-impending, e.g.: 'I thought that was you but I'm not sure'. This letter requires only a little effort from the reader.

Band: 4

### Sample H (Assignment 3)

As the concert finished, I heard someone call my name. I can't believe. It was Mark. He plays in the drums. We didn't see each other long time. We went together to the night school and traveled a lot of different place. He was my best friend. He lived near me. After when we finish night school he disapirt. He didn't send to me any information. I was disapointed. That concert change us life again. We meet each other, He remember also how I look. That meeting make us friendshipp again. I'm happy that I have a very cleever friend.

### Examiners Comment:

This is still an adequate attempt altogether, but there are severe mistakes, whenever ambition is attempted, e.g.: 'That meeting make us friendshipp again'. Linking is not always maintained, e.g.: 'I can't believe. It was Mark. He plays in the drums.' There are a number of mistakes, though mostly non-impending, e.g.: 'We didn't see each other long time' and 'That concert change us life again'. This text requires some effort from the reader.

Band: 3

### Sample I (Assignment 3)

As the concert finished, I heard someone call my name. It was my best friend Pam! We haven't seen each other for ages. I couldn't recognise her. She changed a lot. She looked just perfect. We decided to go to find some quiet place where we could have a nice talk. We went to mine house, I made a cup of coffee and prepared some nibbles. We were talking about school, remembering all our boyfriends, all the naughty things that we used to do, about work that we found after school and lots of more. We didn't even realize it was almost 3 a.m! We would talk until the morning. What a pity we had to say good night. But never mind. We met up next day again.

**Examiners Comment:**

This is altogether a good attempt with ambitious use of language, e.g.: 'We decided to go to find some quiet place where we could have a nice talk' and 'When we were talking about ... remembering all our boyfriends, all the naughty things that we used to do ...'. Very good vocabulary has been used, e.g.: 'prepared some nibbles', 'recognise', 'never mind' and 'just perfect' in a generally well-organised text, with some linking of sentences. There are a few mistakes, all non-impeding, e.g.: 'mine house', 'we would talk until the morning' and 'lots of more' but no effort is required from the reader.

Band: 5