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EduTest Year 9 Entry Written Expression Practice Paper 1

Written Expression

1 timed task plus 1 extra practice task · 15 minutes for the timed task

How to use this booklet

- Write your response to Task 1 in 15 minutes. In the real EduTest the clock starts at once, so start fast and write steadily.
- You are marked on ideas and relevance, structure and construction, and expression (grammar, punctuation and spelling), not on length.
- Task 2 is extra practice for a second sitting. The worked solutions give a marking guide and an annotated model for both tasks.

Task 1: your response

Write on these lines. There is no required length.

TASK 2 OF 2

Persuasive

YOUR TASK

Should students be required to do community service? Write to persuade.

Type of writing: Persuasive. **Reader:** your school community.

Planning space

Use this box for a quick plan. It is not marked.

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A weaker opening and a stronger opening

WEAKER

It was a dark night. I was on a ship. And then the lights went out. I was scared.

STRONGER

Dr Imani Okoye had been alone on the research ship for six days, and the hum of its machines had become the only voice she trusted.

The stronger opening gives a character, a place and a feeling in one sentence. The weaker opening states plain facts and a named emotion.

Check before you finish

- Does the story have a clear problem, a turning point and an ending that shows change?
- Have you shown feelings through actions and details instead of naming them?
- Does every sentence start with a capital letter and end with the right mark?
- Have you checked the spelling of the longer words you used?

LOS: Writing: narrative

KEY TAKEAWAY

Place the given line at the moment of maximum tension and make it change the story.