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*In each case, good answers will meet **most**, though not necessarily **all**, of the following requirements.*

1. Imaginative narration – anecdote

A good answer

- will give a clear, vivid description of the setting (time and place)
- will give at least two or three examples of changes from 2005
- will recount the author’s attempts, successful or not, to adjust
- will record the emotions felt
- will adopt a register which could range from semi-informal to very informal
- may have flashes of humour, which should be rewarded

2. Factual description – informal letter

A good answer will

- perhaps explain the competition
- give a BRIEF account of the journey
- explain clearly the reason(s) for choosing the particular city
- name the city and perhaps the country
- recount at least two experiences in the city
- describe at least two impressions of the city
- convey the author’s emotions, for example, wonder, excitement, joy, disappointment
- adopt an informal register and quite a light tone

3. Analysis and critique – review of a film

A good answer will

- name the film
- perhaps name the principal actors
- clearly state the aspect or aspects that impressed the author
- clearly explain what the author thinks would appeal to others of the same age
- not merely retell the story but will refer to incidents in order to illustrate opinions. A mere retelling of the story should be given no more than 4 marks for Criterion C.
- explain the unexpected ending
- adopt a formal to semi-formal register
- perhaps give the film a star rating or similar, which should be rewarded

4. Controversial argument – debating speech

A good answer will

- acknowledge the audience by means of greeting, thanks and perhaps the use of the second person
 - use appropriate markers to highlight the structure of the speech
 - state clearly at the outset whether the speaker is for or against the motion
 - NOT attempt a balanced argument
 - adduce at least two reasons for the speaker's position
 - adopt a formal register and a forceful but polite tone
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