Writing

PERSUASIVE WRITING

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL INSTRUCTED.

TIME ALLOWED: 35 MINUTES
5 minutes reading and planning time
25 minutes writing time
5 minutes checking time

Note: Some UNSW Global assessments are only available online.
Example of a persuasive writing task

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Dear Parents,

The teachers at Valley Public School would like to recommend that families turn off their televisions for one day every week.

Your school has written a letter to all parents recommending that families should have one TV-free day each week. The letter asks parents to turn off the family television for one day every week.
Do you think that having one TV-free day each week is a good idea?

You have been asked to write an argument to present a student’s point of view.

Here are some things to think about before you start your planning:

**NO**
- Watching TV gives children something to do
- Parents want to watch TV too

**OR**

**YES**
- Parents and children can spend more time together
- Children will go outside and play

In your writing you should clearly argue your point of view. You should provide reasons to support your argument. Include some of your own ideas as well.

Your writing should convince readers to agree with you.

**HINTS**

- Use the planning time to organise your ideas.
- Stay on the topic: *Is it a good idea to have one TV-free day each week?*
- Begin with an introduction that tells the reader your point of view and finish with a conclusion that sums up your arguments.
- Write in paragraphs.
- Write in sentences that are correct and varied.
- Pay attention to spelling and punctuation.
- Use the time at the end of the task to check and improve your writing.
All international schools registered with UNSW Global (which have an 8-digit school code starting with 46) should sit the papers according to the Australian year levels.

Indian Subcontinent

- India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh.

Middle East

- United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Turkey, Lebanon, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Algeria, Jordan and Pakistan.

Pacific Region

- Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Fiji.

Southern Africa

- South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia.
HOW TO FILL OUT THIS SHEET:

- USE A PENCIL

  • Print your details clearly in the boxes provided.
  • Make sure you fill in only one oval in each column.
  • Rub out all mistakes completely.
  • Do not use a coloured pencil or pen.

EXAMPLE 1: Debbie Bach
FIRST NAME: Debbie
LAST NAME: Bach

EXAMPLE 2: Chan Ai Beng
FIRST NAME: Chan
LAST NAME: Ai Beng

EXAMPLE 3: Jamal bin Abas
FIRST NAME: Jamal
LAST NAME: bin Abas

FIRST NAME to appear on certificate

LAST NAME to appear on certificate

Are you male or female?  ○ Male  ○ Female

Does anyone in your home usually speak a language other than English?  ○ Yes  ○ No

School name: ____________________________________________

Town / suburb: __________________________________________

Today’s date: ____ / ____ / ____  Postcode: ________

DATE OF BIRTH  STUDENT ID  CLASS
Day  Month  Year (optional) (optional)

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