



GCSE

150/02

**ENGLISH
FOUNDATION TIER
PAPER 2**

A.M. MONDAY, 10 November 2008

2 hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A 12 page answer book.

Resource Material for use with Section A.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **all** questions in Sections A and B.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

You are advised to spend your time as follows:

Section A – about 50 minutes

Section B

Q. B1 – about 35 minutes

Q. B2 – about 35 minutes

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Section A (Reading): 40 marks

Section B (Writing): 40 marks

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

SECTION A: 40 marks

Answer **all** the following questions.

The Resource Material for use with Section A is from a website brochure produced by Center Parcs.

The article opposite, “Family Fun at Center Parcs”, was written by Robert Lindsay.

Look at the Center Parcs website brochure in the separate Resource Material.

A1. List **ten** outdoor activities mentioned in the brochure that are available at Center Parcs. [10]

A2. How does the website brochure try to persuade readers that a Center Parcs holiday is good for both children and parents? [10]

Now look at the article “Family Fun at Center Parcs” on the opposite page.

A3. What did Robert Lindsay enjoy about going to Center Parcs? How does he make it clear that he was impressed by his holiday there? [10]

You should now use details and information from both texts to answer the following question:

A4. (a) What impression is given of the instructors at Center Parcs?

(b) What makes eating out at Center Parcs a pleasurable experience?

(c) What reasons are given for visitors deciding they might return to Center Parcs? [10]

FAMILY FUN AT CENTER PARCS

THERE are no stresses, just the welcome strain of working your way through a huge range of adult and child-friendly activities. A Center Parcs stay is a revelation, says actor Robert Lindsay.

The problem with being a parent is kids! Now don't get me wrong, I love my kids, but come on – I've got a life, they've got a life, we all have. So let's try to meet halfway. We found the perfect solution at Center Parcs. I had a short holiday that came at the same time as half-term for Sam, eight, and five-year-old Jamie, so we decided to give one a go.

The overwhelming positive for me as we arrived was the lack of cars. I hate cars, even though I drive one. At the Parc they have a big parking area concealed by bushes. Vehicles disappear for the duration of your stay, while you use bikes to get around. No traffic! What a stress-beater.

Our "executive" lodge had cool furnishings and wall-mounted plasma TV, a nice forest view and even a sauna. The kids went crazy when they saw where we were staying; there was bags of space, an open fire and even a table that converted into a pool table.

The first thing my wife Rosie and I did was go for a massage in the spa lodge, which was fantastic. We then did an exploration and located the huge main arena, housing everything from indoor swimming pool to cinema, where we picked up our bikes for the stay. The arena proved to be about a 10-minute gentle cycle away from our lodge.

Our stay was from a Thursday to a Sunday. In the mornings, we'd wander down to the shop to buy our food for breakfast, the only meal of the day we'd eat at the lodge. Then we'd depart for our different activities. The boys would go to archery or quad-biking, for example, while I went fishing. We'd then all get together to do something like sailing on the Parc's lake. The instructors were amazing. I don't know where they find them but they are superb. We'd either leave the boys with them, or stay and wait while they did their activities, and there was always something for the adults to do as well. You'll never have experienced such active days. On offer were such things as abseiling, rollerblading, badminton and bowling. There are just so many ways to busy yourself at Center Parcs and work up an appetite for a meal.

The restaurants cater for every taste. There were ones with their own wine lists and ones with child-friendly zones, so the children could have fun while you can pretend to be an adult for a while. I love Sunday brunch, and there was a great restaurant for this, stocked with every Sunday newspaper. One night we were given a cabaret – well, actually more of a full-blown show. Our food continued to be served as it played out. After dessert, there was a lovely nightcap for the two grown-ups, while the boys sat enthralled by the show.

It was an invigorating break, one that restored my confidence in holidaying in Britain with my children. Just a word of advice – if you're visiting during the school holidays, make sure you book activities in advance. Will we go back? We use it all the time now – for a weekend break, or just to have a change of scene and get away from the domestic stresses and enjoy being with the kids!

SECTION B: 40 marks

Answer Question B1 and Question B2.

*In this section you will be assessed for your writing skills, including the presentation of your work.
Take special care with handwriting, spelling, punctuation and layout.*

Think about the purpose and audience for your writing.

A guide to the amount you should write is given with each question.

- B1.** A company that runs family activity holidays wants to recruit extra staff over the school summer holidays. The company is looking for people who are able to work well with children and adults, work as part of a team, and carry out a variety of tasks.

You decide to apply for one of the jobs available.

Write your letter of application.

[20]

The quality of your writing is more important than its length. You should write about one to two pages in your answer book.

- B2.** You have to give a talk to your class with the title ‘Mobile phones: a blessing or a curse?’

Write what you would say.

[20]

The quality of your writing is more important than its length. You should write about one to two pages in your answer book.



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Resource Material for use with Section A

Family Activity Holidays and Activity Breaks | Center Parcs

Activity Holidays



Why choose an Activity Holiday? Perhaps you want to return home feeling as though you've achieved something. Or you know that the best way to keep the children happy is to satisfy their thirst for trying new activities. Relaxation is great, but maybe you're the sort of person who gets a real buzz from sport and fitness. Feel the breeze as you sail across the lake or enjoy an enchanting guided walk with our friendly Conservation Rangers. And if you want to do something more adventurous, you could always try the 3G-Swing, Tree Trekking, or the High Ropes of the Action Challenge.

Whatever your choice, Center Parcs works tirelessly to create Activity Holidays that will leave you feeling refreshed, relaxed and ready for anything. Indoors and outdoors, we offer a vast range of activities in beautiful, natural surroundings.

An Activity Holiday at Center Parcs can be whatever you want it to be, but to give you a hand planning your break, here are a few ideas:

Children's Activity Holidays

Learning and fun go hand in hand, and this is especially true during childhood. At Center Parcs, we have created a wide range of activities for children of all ages, run by expert staff and designed to involve you as much, or as little, as you want. See your children learn new skills and become more creative, and share the wonders of nature with them. Then have some well-earned time to yourself, secure in the knowledge that they are in safe hands.



Outdoor Activity Holidays



Located in 400 acres of beautiful forest, each Center Parcs offers an inspiring choice of outdoor activities for couples, families and groups of all ages. From horse riding to bird watching and from archery to watersports, the accent is placed firmly on quality and choice, with most skill levels catered for and instructors on hand to help build confidence whilst making sure that enjoyment comes first.

One thing's for sure. At the end of a day spent learning, exploring, playing and relaxing, you'll all want to get together over a family meal. You can do this at one of our many superb restaurants and bistros, where you can relive your experiences and remember what makes your family special. With our variety of themed restaurants and continental menus, you'll be spoiled for choice.

Memories that your child will savour forever

Cast your mind back to the carefree days of childhood and family holidays full of fun and laughter. Live them again with your own children and share their wonder. In the beautiful setting of the forest, even simple activities take on a new dimension. Let the magic rub off and see their confidence grow.



A Children's Activity Holiday at Center Parcs will give the whole family the chance to spend precious time together, as well as quenching your children's enormous thirst for the sort of non-stop fun that can leave adults trailing in their wake. Thankfully, we believe in looking after everybody, which means that when you need a little time to yourself, there are plenty of supervised activities for the children to get their teeth into while you sneak off for some time on your own.

Take the Time Out Clubhouse, for example. Here, your kids will make new friends of their own age and take part in expertly organised activities that will develop their creativity, satisfy their curiosity and keep them amused while you just enjoy a little peace and quiet.

Indoors and outdoors, our range of children's activities is enormous. From soccer skills training, abseiling and horse riding to canoeing and paintballing, to movie making, fashion and DJing, there's something for every age and temperament. Letting your youngsters out of your sight has never been safer and more fun, and at Center Parcs it balances the time you'll spend together, making memories that will last forever.



For families with young children, our commitment to creating a safe, relaxing and fun environment for the whole family is second to none. As well as providing free play areas for under-5s, we've included extra touches to make life easier for parents with babies and toddlers. This attention to detail has helped us achieve the Tommy's Parent Friendly Award and Prima Baby Best Buy in recognition of our child-friendly facilities.

Whatever their age and interests, your children will find more to keep them entertained at Center Parcs than they could possibly cram into a single visit. So don't be surprised if they're soon pestering you to come back. Hopefully, you'll share their enthusiasm.

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