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English
Level 2
Component 3: Writing

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Instructions

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- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Sign the declaration.
- Answer **both** tasks.
- Use the spaces provided to complete your tasks
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- The marks for each task are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each task.*
- You will be assessed on spelling, punctuation and grammar in both tasks.

Advice

- Read each task carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to complete both tasks.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Task 1

Information

You are aware that a 5p charge has been introduced in England to cut the number of plastic carrier bags given out each day by shops.

You read this comment in the Estrick Echo.

5p? Not for me!

When shopping recently, I purchased ten items and paid 5p for a plastic bag.

I understand that this charge may cut down bag use to help the environment, but I think it is unfair. Why should customers pay to advertise shops?

Perhaps these so-called 'bags for life' can be reused, but who wants to put new jeans in an old plastic bag? Small bags only hold one item yet still cost 5p.

I will now shop more online and save money on bags!



Writing Task

Write a letter to The Editor, Estrick Echo, Estrick, EK4 3KT, to give your views on charging for plastic bags.

In your letter, you should:

- state whether you agree or disagree with the views expressed
- explain why you agree or disagree with these views
- describe any changes you have made in your shopping habits as a result of the 5p charge.

Use sentences and write in Standard English.

Remember to set your letter out correctly.

Begin your letter on the next page.

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Task 2

Information

You read the following notice in the Kindon News.

Volunteers needed

A three-day music festival featuring top performers is coming soon to Kindon Park. Profits will go to charity.

To help make it a success, volunteers are needed for a range of tasks, including managing crowds, helping with first aid and picking up litter.

Volunteers will be given training and a free ticket for one day of the festival.

We need friendly, helpful people who have an interest in music. First aid training and experience of managing crowds would be an advantage, but are not essential.

Email kinparkfest@netfree.web to register your interest and say why you think you are suitable.

Writing Task

Write an email to kinparkfest@netfree.web in which you:

- explain why you are interested in being a volunteer
- state the tasks you would like to do
- tell the organisers why you would be a good volunteer.

Use sentences and write in Standard English.

Begin your email on the next page.

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