

Единый государственный  
экзамен по английскому  
языку

Раздел «Письмо»

# Структура и содержание раздела «Письмо»

Задание	Тип задания	Проверяемые умения	Требуемый объем	Время выполнения
С 1 Базовый уровень	Письмо личного характера	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Дать развернутое сообщение</li><li>- Запросить информацию</li><li>- Использовать неофициальный стиль</li><li>- Соблюдать формат неофициального письма</li></ul>	100 – 140 слов	20 минут

## **Письмо личного характера (C1) оценивается (max 6 баллов):**

- **организация текста (max 2 балла)**
- **содержание (max 2 балла)**
- **языковое оформление текста (max 2 балла)**

**ИТОГО: max 6 баллов**

# 1. Адрес

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St Petersburg  
195299  
Russia
- (краткий)  
St Petersburg  
Russia

## 2. Дата

- April 2nd 2010
- 19 October 2010
- 07/05/2010

# 3. Обращение

- Dear Ann,
- Dear David,
- Dear Uncle Jerry,

## 4. Начало письма

- Thank you for your letter. It was great to hear from you again.
- Thanks so much for your last letter. I'm sorry I didn't have the time to answer sooner.
- Thanks for your letter. Sorry I haven't been in touch for a while but I've been really busy.
- Thanks for your recent letter. It was good to hear from you, and I couldn't wait to tell you all my news in reply.

- I was really sorry to hear that you're so unhappy at the moment and thought I'd drop you a line to cheer you up and give some advice.
- I've got some information and ideas for you.
- I have a few suggestions that I hope you'll like.
- I thought I'd write back straight away with a few suggestions I've thought of.



## 5. Основная часть письма

**It seems to me** that getting on a diet is very harmful in our age. We should eat food rich in vitamins and microelements in this period of time. But it's very nice if you're going to the gym. **As for me**, every morning I do regular exercises and when I have free time I visit the gym too. Doing exercise in system will make us healthy and strong. I'm glad for you if you've chosen a healthy life.

It's great that you're going to Italy. Where are you going to stay? What places of interest are you planning to visit? Are you going with your family or alone?

- Anyway,
- By the way,
- I wonder
- Actually,
- Most of all...
- I hope...

- Why don't you...?
- If I were you, I'd...
- Have you thought about...?
- It would be a good idea to...
- What you should do is...
- I think you should...
- The best advice I can give you is...
- Another good idea is to...

## 6. Конец письма

- Well, that's all for now. Write back and let me know how you get on.
- That's all my news. I'd better go and do some work now.
- Anyway, I hope this helps. If you want to know anything else, just drop me a line.

- If you follow my advice, I'm sure you'll feel much better soon. Anyway, let me know how it goes.
- I hope these suggestions are helpful.
- Hope to hear from you soon.
- Write back soon.
- Looking forward to seeing you soon.

# 7. Завершающая фраза и подпись

- Lots of love,  
Mary
- Take care,  
Alex
- Best wishes,  
Sasha
- All the best,  
Irene

**C1 You have 20 minutes to do this task.**

**You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend Alice**

**who writes:**

**...Guess what – our school administration is going to introduce school uniform. I don't like wearing a uniform because uniforms make students look the same. What about you? Do you have to wear a uniform at school? Do you like it?**

**By the way, I'm doing a project about Russia...**

Write a letter to Alice.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her project.

Write **100 – 140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Flat 10  
13 Korolev Street  
Omsk  
Russia

June 16<sup>th</sup> 2010

Dear Alice,

I was very happy to get your letter. You should write more often! Anyway, how are things? I hope everything is OK at school.

As for school uniforms, we also have a dress code at school. But I think wearing school uniforms isn't a good idea. Many teachers think if students wear uniforms they'll behave better and follow the rules, but I disagree. Everybody has his own character, but if schools control everything students wear, it's difficult for students to show their individuality. There's another reason why I don't like uniforms: they're uncomfortable.

It's great that you are doing a project about Russia. What issues are you going to include in your project? Where do you get information from? Are your classmates interested in this project?

I'd better go and get on with my homework. Write soon.

Best wishes,  
Kate



# Ошибки учащихся при написании письма

- неполное выполнение коммуникативной задачи или, напротив, сообщение нерелевантной информации;
- несоблюдение принятых норм этикета (например, в письме отсутствует благодарность за полученную корреспонденцию или ссылка на предыдущие контакты);
- несоблюдение принятых норм оформления письма (учащиеся забывают написать или неправильно пишут адрес или дату, не оставляют пропущенную строку между адресом и датой, между датой и обращением, не делят письмо на абзацы, и т.д.);
- использование языковых средств, не соответствующих неофициальному стилю, принятому в данном типе письменных сообщений.

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<b>С 2 Высо- кий уро- вень</b>	<b>Письмен- ное высказы- вание с элемента- ми рассуж- дения</b>	<b>- Высказать свое мнение и привести аргументы, доказательства, примеры - Сделать вывод. Последовательно и логически правильно строить высказывание - Использовать соответст- вующие средства логической связи - Правильно оформить стилистика в соответствии с поставленной задачей</b>	<b>200-250 слов</b>	<b>40 минут</b>

**Письменное высказывание  
с элементами рассуждения  
(C2) оценивается (max 14 баллов)**

- **содержание (max 3 балла)**
- **организация текста (max 3 балла)**
- **лексика (max 3 балла)**
- **грамматика (max 3 балла)**
- **орфография (max 2 балла)**

**ИТОГО: max 14 баллов**

# Задание для учащегося (for and against essay)

**C2.** You have 40 minutes to do this task.  
Comment on the following statement:

**What can you say for and against living in the big city?**

**Write 200 - 250 words. Use the following plan:**

- Introduction (State the problem)
- Arguments "for"
- Arguments "against"
- Conclusion

**Nowadays more people are inclined to leave small towns and villages for big cities. Life in a big city seems to be easy and comfortable, but it is not always like that.**

**On the one hand, big cities have a lot of advantages and offer diverse opportunities. Firstly, there's a wide choice of places where to spend your free time: clubs, discos, museums and art galleries. Secondly, there are good transport connections and variety among shops. Thirdly, it's easier to find a job. New companies are being established, providing people with job vacancies. Furthermore, there are comfortable flats with all modern conveniences and good sport facilities nearby.**

**On the other hand, any available work might be difficult and low-paid. You have to work long hours with little time for entertainment. A big city means long distances. It usually takes a lot of time to get to work or to school. To make things even worse, you can be stuck in traffic jams during rush hours. Besides, the cost of living is rising. To my mind people's lives in big cities are stressful: there is no sense of community, pollution and crime.**

**To sum up, big cities offer diverse opportunities for finding jobs and spending free time. Among the main disadvantages are the long distances, traffic jams, high prices and pollution. As for me, I wouldn't choose to permanently live in a big city.**

# Вступление – постановка проблемы

- People say/ believe that...
- It is said/ believed that...
- According to...,
- There is no doubt that...
- There is a discussion
- It is common knowledge that...

- **Nowadays** more people are inclined to leave small towns and villages for big cities. Life in a big city seems to be easy and comfortable, **but** it is not always like that.

# Аргументы «за»

- **On the one hand, ...**
- **The first/main/most important advantage of...**
- **One/Another/An additional advantage of ...**
- **One point of view in favour of...**
- **It is often suggested/believed/argued that...**
- **Some/Many people suggest/feel/argue that...**



# Перечисление аргументов

- Firstly/In the first place,
- To start/begin with,
- Secondly/In addition,
- Furthermore,
- Moreover/What is more,
- Besides,
- Thirdly/Finally,
- Last; Last but not least,
- Above all,

On the one hand, big cities have a lot of advantages and offer diverse opportunities. Firstly, there's a wide choice of places where to spend your free time: clubs, discos, museums and art galleries. Secondly, there are good transport connections and variety among shops. Thirdly, it's easier to find a job. New companies are being established, providing people with job vacancies. Furthermore, there are comfortable flats with all modern conveniences and good sport facilities nearby.

# Аргументы «против»

- **On the other hand, However,**
- **The main/most important disadvantage/drawback of...**
- **One/Another/An additional disadvantage/negative effect of...**
- **One point/argument against is ...**

**On the other hand**, any available work might be difficult and low-paid. You have to work long hours with little time for entertainment. A big city means long distances. It usually takes a lot of time to get to work or to school. **To make things even worse**, you can be stuck in traffic jams during rush hours. **Besides**, the cost of living is rising. As a result, people's lives in big cities are stressful: there is no sense of community, pollution and crime.

# ВЫВОД

- In conclusion, it seems to me ...
- To conclude/sum up, I think ...
- All in all, I strongly believe ...
- All things considered, I believe ...
- Taking everything into account/  
consideration, I am sure that ...
- All in all, I still feel that the benefits  
of... outweigh the disadvantages.

**To sum up**, big cities offer diverse opportunities for finding jobs and spending free time. Among the main disadvantages are the long distances, traffic jams, high prices and pollution. **As for me**, I wouldn't choose to permanently live in a big city.

# Задание для учащегося (opinion composition)

**C2.** You have 40 minutes to do this task.  
Comment on the following statement:

**Many people watch soap operas because they find them enjoyable and realistic.**

What is your opinion of soap operas?

**Write 200-250 words.**

**Use the following plan:**

- Introduction (State the problem)
- Express your personal opinion and reasons for it
- Give arguments for the other point of view and explain why you don't agree with it
- Draw a conclusion.

Many people enjoy watching soap operas and spend all evenings living life of the soap opera characters. Is it really a good way to spend your leisure time?

In my opinion soap operas are the most dull and less interesting product of TV industry. First of all, I believe they are very long and the plot is primitive. I'd better solve my own problems than watch difficulties in other people's life. Secondly, it seems to me the acting in such kind of movies is awful. The actors who play in soap operas do not deserve to be called actors, because very often they are not able to act. Thirdly, soap operas are really useless, because they don't give food for your brain. There is nothing to think about and reflect on in the soap operas.

However, many people find soap operas enjoyable and realistic. To begin with, they think that these movies state universal problems. What's more, they claim soap operas teach you a real life.

I can't agree with such arguments, because in every soap opera there is only one problem: someone is really ill or perished, and others cry over spilt milk.

All emotions are exaggerated in soap operas that's why I can't agree with the statement that they are realistic.

To sum up, taking into consideration all pros and cons, I am not one of those who enjoy soap operas. I suppose that there are far pleasanter and useful ways of spending free time. I don't mind of people watching soap operas, but it is certainly not my choice.



# Вступление

- Nowadays, we are often told..
- There is no doubt that...
- Over the past few years,...
- It is popularly believed that...
- It is often suggested...
- People often claim that..

Many people enjoy watching soap operas and spend all evenings living life of the soap opera characters. Is it really a good way to spend your leisure time?

# Выражение своего мнения

In my opinion...

I believe...

It seems to me...

The way I see it...

As far as I am concerned...

**In my opinion**, soap operas are the most dull and less interesting product of TV industry. **First of all**, they are very long and the plot is primitive. It is better to solve your own problems than watch difficulties in other people's life. **Secondly**, the acting in such kind of movies is awful. The actors who play in soap operas do not deserve to be called actors, because very often they are not able to act. **Thirdly**, soap operas are really useless, because they do not give food for your brain. There is nothing to think about and reflect on in the soap operas.

# Мнение других людей

- It is argued that...
- People argue that...
- Opponents of this view say...
- There are people who oppose...
- Contrary to what most believe...
- I am absolutely sure that they are wrong, because...

**However**, many people find soap operas enjoyable and realistic. They think that these movies state universal problems. **Moreover**, the stories in soaps reflect reality. They show people in difficult situations and how they cope. **Finally**, soap operas set a good example – the good guys always win and the bad guys are always punished. I think that all emotions are exaggerated in soap operas that is why I cannot agree with the statement that they are realistic.

# ВЫВОД

- To sum up...
- All in all...
- All things considered...
- On the whole...
- In conclusion...
- Taking everything into account...

**To sum up**, I am not one of those who enjoy soap operas. I suppose that there are far more pleasant and useful ways of spending free time. I do not mind other people watching soap operas, but it is certainly not my choice.



# Put the parts of this letter in the correct order

- A. Anyway, I've got to go now. Loads of homework (unfortunately!)
  - B. I'm sorry to hear you've had an argument with your best friend and that you're not speaking at the moment. Yes, it has happened to me too, and it's awful, isn't it?
  - C. Carol
  - D. Dear Sally,
  - E. Write back soon!
  - F. Thanks for your letter. It was great to hear from you! Well done on passing your exams!
  - G. I think you need to ask yourself one question: what's more important- that argument or your friendship? I remember when I asked myself that it all became clear. I realized my friendship with Chris was far more important. I called him immediately and told him. We became friends again immediately. Maybe you should do the same thing. Let me know what happens! Good luck!
  - H. 23 Portland Street  
Manchester  
MN3 6YL  
24th September
- Key: HDFBGAEC**

# Read the sentences and decide which are from introductions and which are from conclusions

- Please let me know as soon as possible.
- I'm writing to invite you to my birthday party on 6th May.
- I'm sure it will be fun, and I hope you'll be able to come.
- Looking forward to seeing you then.
- We're organising a fancy-dress party and it would be great if you could come.
- We'd love it if you could come to our house-warming party on 27th January.

# Read the short letter of invitation and correct the mistakes

Dear Sally,

I'm **writting** to invite you to our cottage near Wynton for the first weekend **on** June, when Wynton has its annual fair. **Its** always great fun, and I'm sure you **are** enjoy it. The fair takes place **in** the Saturday, with a flower show, a funfair and lots of **others** things, and there is **usualy** a big dance **at** the evening.

The next day Barry and I **am** going to have a barbecue if the weather **will be** fine. Most of our **freinds** have been invited, so you'll meet some interesting people.

Please let us know if you can make it. Looking forward to seeing you.

Lots of love,

Beth

# Put these jumbled sentences in the correct order

## Package holidays: Good or Bad?

- A However, there are disadvantages to going on a package holiday.
- B To start with, package holidays are cheaper than travelling on your own, as the price includes the air fare and hotel accommodation.
- C Another negative aspect is that as you have paid for your accommodation in advance, you often feel obliged to stay in that place rather than move around and explore.
- D Furthermore, the brochures from which most people select a package holiday usually give you a good idea of what the resort offers, therefore reducing the chances of disappointment.
- E Package holidays have several advantages.
- F In the first place, as package holidays are less expensive, the hotel is unlikely to be top-class.
- G Last but not least, when visiting a new place it is often much easier to have all the details arranged in advance as it can be rather confusing to plan everything by yourself.
- H Also package holiday destinations are usually popular tourist resorts, thus there is little opportunity to experience the true culture of the country you are visiting

Which of these sentences express the opinion given in the heading, and which express the opposing point of view?

***"Having a pet is good for you."***

- 1 In my opinion, owning a pet teaches children to become responsible adults.
- 2 In addition, a pet can be amusing.
- 3 However, pets need a lot of care and attention.
- 4 What is more, certain pets can be useful if you train them properly.
- 5 On the other hand, pets can be a nuisance.
- 6 Firstly, a pet can be good company.