



Proficiency

Writing

Test 2

Time 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer the Part 1 question and one question from Part 2.

Write your answers on the answer sheet.

Write clearly in pen, not pencil.

You may make alterations, but make sure your work is easy to read.

You must complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question in this paper carries equal marks

Part 1

Read the two texts below. Write an essay summarising and evaluating the key points from both texts. Use your own words throughout as far as possible and include your own ideas in your answers. Write your answer in **240 – 280** words

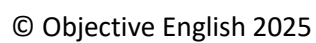
Say No to the Nanny

To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, founding father of the United States of America, those who would exchange freedom for liberty deserve neither. In modern times, the reach of Western governments has intruded into all aspects of our lives, dictating to us the proper way to live, to speak and even to think. They demand access to our personal information, purloin large portions of our earnings in taxes and will happily use obfuscation, manipulation and outright deceit in order to cling onto power. It is time to go back to the days of small government, where rights were sacrosanct, and the government was afraid of its people. To those who demand more government intervention, from rent controls to vaccine mandates, I say this: beware the unaccountable politician who promises you utopia in exchange for just a little bit of your liberty. Because tomorrow they will be back for more, and before you know it, you will have gained nothing besides the freedom to be a servant to the state.

Don't Stray Beyond the Wall

In the years since the Second World War, in the Western world at least, life has become so convenient and so safe that populations have come to take for granted the miracle that is the modern democracy. The downside of this, of course, is that citizens of modern democracies often assume that the society in which they live is the default rather than the exception. They don't realise that a dismantling of the infrastructure that keeps them safe and protects their rights will bring about changes that go far beyond anything they could imagine. Government oversight, safeguarding and authority – and the power to enforce all of these – is essential to our survival as a fair and democratic society. Those who seek to diminish this power, or worse still, to do away without completely, show an ignorance of what would take its place. A powerful government that plays a role at all levels of public life is the only true protection against the cruelties of dictatorships or the chaos of a lawless society.

Write your essay

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Part 2

Write an answer to **one** of the questions **2 – 4** in this part. Write your answer in **280 – 320** words in an appropriate style on pages **7** and **8**. Put the question number in the box at the top of page 7.

- 2** A technology website is looking for articles discussing whether modern technology has improved or damaged the way people interact with each other. Give reasons and examples to support your views.

Write your **article**.

- 3** Your local council is considering investing in new public facilities to improve the quality of life for residents. You have been asked to write a report evaluating the current facilities in your area and making recommendations for improvements.

Include the following information:

- An assessment of the most important public facilities (e.g., parks, libraries, sports centres).
- Any issues or shortcomings in the existing facilities.
- Recommendations for improvements and how they would benefit the community.

Write your **report**.

- 4** You see this advertisement on a culture website.

"We're looking for reviews of a film or TV series that left a lasting impression on you."

Your review should briefly summarize the content, discuss what makes it particularly memorable and evaluate its strengths and weaknesses.

Write your **review**.

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