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Third Intermediate

Second Semester

Samples of **Writing Subjects**

- Description of a place (Unit 5)
- Letter of complaint (self-Assessment Module 3 & Unit 10 **ONLY** do the writing task 10E page 120)
- Story (Unit 7)
- Review (restaurant/movie/book etc) (Unit 7 & 9: **ONLY** do the writing task pages 103 and 110, **NOT** the rest of the unit )
- Essay (discursive, pros and cons) (Unit 8)

## 1. Describing a place

Ten minutes from my house is the most beautiful area in the **south of England**. It is called “**The New Forest**” and people from different parts of England and different countries often come here on holiday.

The New Forest is a very large area of **natural forest** and there are **a lot of animals** that live there. **Horses and donkeys** walk everywhere and sometimes you can even see pigs, cows and ducks crossing the road.

What I like about the New Forest is that the **colours of the forest change** during the year. In autumn the leaves are red and gold and in the spring everything is purple and different shades of green. The trees are always colourful and different.

Tourists often prefer to go to the small villages in the New Forest with pretty houses and traditional restaurants. I love to walk along the rivers and through the trees because there you can see the true heart of the forest.

## 2. Complaint letter

Dear Sirs, I am writing to complain about several inaccuracies detected in your Package holiday that I bought. Firstly, the hotel was filthy so I had to clean it in order to use it. Secondly, the hotel didn't have a swimming pool. Thirdly, my room didn't have an ocean view as advertised. Furthermore, the excursion to the beaches on the west coast was not available at this time of the year. In conclusion, I can say that it was an extremely disappointing holiday and I am claiming compensation and travelling expenses. (Please see the enclosed bill.) Moreover, I strongly recommend improving your advertisement. I look forward to hearing from you.

### **3. A story**

One night while I was studying late at home for my exams , I heard a strange noise downstairs. I stopped studying and went downstairs slowly , it was dark and there was a soft sound of wind coming from outside. I looked everywhere but I didn't find anything . suddenly , I felt something walked on my leg and I jumped highly and screamed . Fortunately , no one of my family woke up , It was a hungry cat looking for food. Although I was scared of cats , I brought her some milk and bread which was the only thing available in the fridge at that night. My family don't like cats and that is why I opened door for her to leave but she didn't go out . It seemed to me she was scared so I decided to leave her downstairs and go up to continue my study. In the morning , when the whole family woke up , I was surprised to see the cat with my little brother taking care of her.

### **4. Describing a restaurant**

One of the best restaurants I have ever visited is Al Abaraj Restaurant. Everything in this restaurant is perfect for me.

Their choice of food is quite wide and you can find almost everything you want . If you don't like meat , you can go for pasta or even vegetarian delicious food.

The service is professional . Once you arrive , they welcome you and give you the menu leaving you with enough time to choose and then they bring your every part in the right time.

Al Abaraj restaurant atmosphere is simple and classic with a very romantic musical background. It adds special effect for your visit . Moreover, the prices are reasonable and within the range though some of the dishes I find are little bit more expensive than expected .

On the whole , I recommend you to visit this restaurant as it will be an unforgettable experience.

## **5. Pros and cons of mobiles**

You can hardly see anyone without a mobile. Not only adults do have mobiles but also kids and old people as well. However, I believe that although it has many pros , there are some cons that one has to consider.

One of the obvious pros for mobiles is that they are practical and help people to communicate easily and save time in arranging appointments and meetings especially with the what's app free messages , life has become so easy to connect.

Moreover, mobiles became a tool for learning and doing a lot of research and finding any information you want within seconds . In fact , people are always seen reading and surfing the web and information is passed very fast.

On the other hand, mobiles cause a lot of problems . Families when gather , they prefer to send messages rather than talk with relatives. Also, people are always found with their mobiles everywhere especially in cars which cause to many fatal car accidents for many people.

To sum up , I think mobiles are great useful tools for people if they are used carefully and in an effective way.

## **6. A film review**

**Titanic is my favourite film that I have ever seen and enjoyed . I don't think I will see another beautiful film like it .**

**The success of the film was because of the director. He made the story real as if you could see it in live. Also, the two leading actors performed brilliantly and added success to the film.**

**This romantic adventure film was superb where the two elements were going together that you don't feel ever bored during the film . It is either joy of romance or suspense of an adventure.**

**The background music has a powerful effect as it made us feel the power of romance in the film. Titanic is based on a true story where a huge ship sank in the middle of an ocean with more than thousands dead. I recommend all to see this marvelous film.**

## **Writing a report about a shopping mall**

The aim of this report is to describe City Center Shopping mall and assess its good and bad points.

City Center is ideally located in the busy area of AL-SEEF with plenty of parking. It has three levels with escalators and lifts. The toilets are always clean and there are a lot of fast food restaurants and cafés offering local and international dishes and drinks. Yet, they are sometimes crowded especially at the weekend.

There are more than 150 shops and a great number of well known stores that offer a variety of high quality products at reasonable prices. However, in some shops, the prices are a bit high.

To sum up, although it's always crowded at the weekend and some of the shops have high prices, City Center is still a good shopping place thanks to its modern shops, quality products, and the parking space.

## **Describing a local market**

The perfect place to pick up bargains in Bahrain is the local market in ISA Town, it's usually held on Friday and Saturday. A variety of items can be sold there at very low prices, such as furniture, electrical items, and even secondhand clothes.

It starts early in the morning and many people bring their second hand items to sell them while others come to buy things especially antiques. A lot of people go there just sightseeing or to have a traditional meal in open air restaurants.

It's really an amazing place to go to. If you are interested in antiques and second hand items this will be the perfect place for you.

## ***Restaurant review***

### **Marmareez Restaurant**

**Marmareez** is a great family restaurant in **Al Seef District**. It is in a very busy area so that they take care of all their customers.

The **food** is **fresh** and **delicious**. The **menu** has a many choices so that you will not be hesitant about the dish you pick. **For dessert**, the cheese cake and milkshake are fantastic or try Queen Victoria cake.

The service is friendly and quick. The prices are very reasonable; a **meal** for two does not cost more than **5 BD**. **Marmareez** is open in lunch time 12 noon and dinner time till 12 midnight.

It is a good place but you have to be patient about the traffic when you drive there because it is located in a busy area. Have a tasty meal!

## **A restaurant review**

If you are looking for an exciting meal and a fun dining experience you must visit AL-ABRAJ restaurant which has many branches all around Bahrain, with plenty of parking space next to most of them.

AL-ABRAJ offers a variety of local and international dishes at reasonable prices. The ingredients of the dishes are always fresh. What I like most is the grilled fish and the starters. The staff are friendly and welcoming and the service is excellent. However, in some branches the service is a bit slow, especially at the weekend. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly with a bright colorful and modern décor.

I think AL-ABRAJ is a great place to go to for a family meal out, though it can be crowded at the weekend.

## **Pros and cons essay (sailing)**

Going sailing is an enjoyable activity for some while for others it is the last thing they want to do in their spare time. What then are the pros and cons of going sailing?

Going sailing certainly has its advantages. To start with, it is a healthy, active, outdoor activity. Therefore, it can help a person to get fit. What is more, it is a fun activity that can be both exciting and relaxing.

However, there are some disadvantages to sailing, too. Firstly, going sailing can be expensive as boat and equipment higher costs a lot of money. Furthermore, it can be quite dangerous in bad weather. Boating accidents can easily happen in a storm and people can fall overboard and may even drown.

To sum up, sailing has both positive and negative points which need to be taken into consideration before you take up the sport.

## Living in the city

Living in the city can be enjoyable for many people while others prefer living as far away from the city as they can. So, what are the advantages and disadvantages of living in the city?

Living in the city certainly has its advantages. To start with, it is often easier to find work and there is a choice of public transport, so you don't need to own a car. Also, there are a lot of things to do and places to go. For example, you can eat in good restaurants, visit museums, and go to the theatre and to concerts.

However, for every plus there is a minus. One disadvantage of living in the city is that it is often very expensive, and it is difficult to find a good and cheap accommodation. What is more, the public transport is sometimes crowded and dirty, particularly during rush hours, and even the parks can get very crowded especially at the weekends.

All things considered, I think that city life is appealing to young people who like the excitement of the city, and don't mind the noise and pollution. However, old people prefer the peace and quiet of the country.

## Film review

The mask is an adventure-comedy film directed by Chuck Russell and starring Jim Carry and Cameron Diaz. I saw it on MBC 2 last night with my two brothers.

The film is about a bank employee who is transformed into a super-hero when he wears a mysterious mask.

The film gave me a valuable lesson and that is we do not need to have super powers to be heroes but we just need to trust our selves.

The visual effects are amazing. The makeup is outstanding and the costumes are fantastic.

### A letter of complaint

I am writing to complain about *an Iphone* which I bought recently from your *store in City Center*.

On *6<sup>th</sup> May*, I bought an Iphone 5 *smart phone from your store*.

Unfortunately, it seems to be faulty. When I tried to use it, the *power button* did not work. As a result, I was not able to *start the mobile*.

I would appreciate it if you could *replace it with another Iphone* or refund my money. I have enclosed copies of my *invoice and guarantee*. I am would like to thank you in advance and I look forward to your reply. Please contact me *on 99999999* at *any time*.

Yours faithfully,

*James Davids*

## Writing a book review

“**Life of Pi** “ is a fascinating novel by **Yann Martel**. It tells the story of a young boy, Pi Patel, who is sailing on a boat carrying various animals from his father’s zoo in India to their new home in Canada. The ship sinks and Pi spends 8 months drifting in a lifeboat, alone with a Bengal tiger.

The story is so simple, clear but interesting. I think it would make a good film because of the series of dramatic incidents and the strange relationship between the boy and the tiger.

## Writing 1:

You work for a travel magazine and your editor has asked you to write an article assessing the good and bad points of the most famous shopping center in Bahrain and its suitability for a shopping trip.

You may write about:

- Location
- Facilities
- Products
- Prices
- Service
- Recommendation

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## Writing 2:

**Write a short paragraph about the perfect place to pick up bargains in Bahrain. You may write about:**

- *Name of the market*
- *Where it is*
- *When it is open*
- *What people can buy/ do / see there*

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### Writing 3:

**Your English teacher has asked you to write a review about your favourite restaurant. You may write about:**

- *Location*
- *Food*
- *Prices*
- *Staff and Service*
- *Atmosphere*
- *Recommendation*

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## Writing 4:

The English magazine in your school has asked you to write an essay discussing the pros and cons of going sailing. The plan below may help you.

### Paragraph 1: Introduction

### Paragraph 2: Pros (advantages)

### Paragraph 3: Cons (disadvantages)

### Paragraph 4: Conclusion

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## Writing 5:

The English magazine in your school has asked you to write an essay discussing the pros and cons of living in the city. The plan below may help you.

### Paragraph 1: Introduction

### Paragraph 2: Pros (advantages)

### Paragraph 3: Cons (disadvantages)

### Paragraph 4: Conclusion

[illegible]

## Writing 6:

Write a **short review** of a **must-see film** you have seen recently. You may write about:

- Title and type of the film
- Setting
- Characters
- Summary plot
- What you liked/ disliked about the film
- recommendation

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## Writing 7:

This is part of an email you received from your friend.

In your next email, tell me about the last film you saw and enjoyed.

**Write** back **an email** to your **friend** telling him/her about the **last film** **you saw**.

Dear.....,

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## Writing 8: Writing a letter of complaint

You recently bought an **l phone smart phone** from a store in **City Center**. When you took it home, you discovered that the **power button does not work properly**. **Write a letter of complaint to the company**.

In your letter you should:

- *State when and where you bought it*
- *Explain what the problem is*
- *Ask for replacement or refund*

Dear .....

[illegible]

## Writing 9:

Write a short review of a book you have read recently. You may write about:

- Title and type of the book
- Setting
- Characters
- Summary plot
- What you liked/ disliked about the book
- recommendation

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