



GCSE

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ENGLISH/ENGLISH LANGUAGE

FOUNDATION TIER

UNIT 1 (READING)

A.M. TUESDAY, 7 June 2016

1 hour plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

You may write your answers in a WJEC pink answer booklet, which has been specifically designed for this examination. If you run out of space, use a standard 4-page continuation booklet.

You may also write your answers on a separate answer sheet if preferred.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer book.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the book.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left hand margin at the start of each answer, e.g

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark available for this unit is 40.

The number of marks in brackets will give you an indication of the time you should spend on each question or part-question.

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Answer ALL of the following questions.

The SEPARATE RESOURCE MATERIAL is an internet article, ‘The Thrills of Mountain Biking’ by Michael Stafford.

On pages 8 to 11 of this booklet, there is a newspaper report, ‘Downhill All the Way in the Welsh Valleys’ by Christopher Wakling.

Read pages 2 to 4 of the internet article in the separate Resource Material, ‘The Thrills of Mountain Biking’ by Michael Stafford, (up to ‘... climb steep hills and cross obstacles’.)

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(a) List FIVE differences, mentioned in the article, between a mountain bike and a normal road bike. [5 marks]

(b) List FIVE pieces of equipment, mentioned in the article, which a mountain bike rider may use. [5 marks]

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Now read pages 5 to 8 of the internet article (up to the end).

What impressions do you get of Rachel Atherton from the rest of this article?

[10 marks]

Now read the newspaper report on pages 8 to 11 of this booklet, ‘Downhill All the Way in the Welsh Valleys’ by Christopher Wakling.

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How does the report try to persuade you to visit BikePark Wales? [10 marks]

You should write about:

- what is said about the place**
- the words and phrases used**
- any other ways the writer tries to persuade you to visit**

To answer the next question you will need to refer to both texts.

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Compare and contrast the two texts using the following headings:

- The dangers of mountain biking**
- The financial costs of mountain biking [10 marks]**

You must make it clear from WHICH TEXT you get your information.

DOWNHILL ALL THE WAY IN THE WELSH VALLEYS

I have always liked the sound of the word hooning, without really knowing what it means. I think I do now. When a mountain biker is hooning, he or she is flying down a big hill, grinning.

BikePark Wales is hooning heaven. As the name suggests it is a mountain bike park in Wales, just outside Merthyr Tydfil. The centre boasts miles of beautiful countryside and challenging downhill tracks. Try it out – you are sure to end up hooning.

There are a number of mountain biking parks in Wales, but BikePark Wales is the most ambitious centre of them all. Five years in the making, the park has twenty-three trails graded like ski runs, from

green – mild enough to roll along with small children – through blue and red for intermediate to experienced riders, to black and pro-line descents that are serious enough to challenge the very best or completely mad.

Mountain biking is a hazardous sport if you don't know what you are doing. When I visited BikePark Wales, staff at the centre explained it is dangerous if an individual attempts to ride a trail beyond their level of ability. The most difficult routes involve steep descents and aerial leaps over both natural features and mudslides. These are challenging and exhilarating, but clearly if things go wrong there can be serious injuries.

To make your trip to BikePark Wales more enjoyable a minibus and trailer will take you and your bike up to the summit as many times as you can handle for £30 a day. Book well in advance because the service is in great demand.

If you prefer to earn your descents the hard way, for just £5 you can cycle up as well as down all day. When I visited I made use of the minibus service, but even so I barely managed to cover half of the park's available downhill runs.

Director Martin Astley stresses that the park has been developed by passionate mountain bikers keen to spread the fun as widely as possible. He says, "Come with your kids; under 10s ride for free. Our aim is to put a smile on everyone's face as well as ours."

Martin had a route he wanted me to ride. I was nervous, but as we zoomed dramatically downwards it felt fantastic. I was reminded how dangerous it could be when I looked up, lost concentration and fell off. Fortunately Martin had insisted I wear protective gear, which was expensive but worth it.

Thirty-five thousand riders from all over the UK and Europe are expected here this year. As well as the exciting trails they'll find a huge bike shop, a hire and repair shop and a splendid cafe specialising in scrumptious bacon sandwiches. BikePark Wales is well worth a visit. Give mountain biking a go and discover what hooning feels like. I guarantee it's an experience you'll never forget.

Christopher Wakling

Adapted from i Newspaper (September 2013)