



GCSE

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ENGLISH/ENGLISH LANGUAGE

HIGHER 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.

Answer ALL of the following questions.

The SEPARATE RESOURCE MATERIAL is a newspaper report, ‘Mud and barbed-wire hurdles: it’s the extreme fitness trial,’ by Peta Bee.

The text on pages 7 to 10 of this booklet is an internet article, ‘Tough Mudder wasn’t so tough – in fact I enjoyed it,’ by Stuart Heritage.

Read the FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS of the newspaper report in the separate Resource Material: ‘Mud and barbed-wire hurdles: it’s the extreme fitness trial,’ by Peta Bee. [up to ‘... different sense of accomplishment’.]

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What are Peta Bee’s thoughts and feelings about Tough Mudder events? [10 marks]

Now read the rest of the newspaper report, [from ‘Tough Mudder was the brainchild...’ up to the end.]

1	2	According to this part of the report, why do people take part in Tough Mudder events?
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[10 marks]

Read the internet article on pages 7 to 10, ‘Tough Mudder wasn’t so tough – in fact I enjoyed it,’ written by Stuart Heritage.

1	3	How does Stuart Heritage convince us that he enjoyed the Tough Mudder event? [10 marks]
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To answer the next question you will need to refer to both texts.

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Compare and contrast what the two writers say about the DANGERS of Tough Mudder.

[10 marks]

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

TOUGH MUDDER WASN'T SO TOUGH – IN FACT I ENJOYED IT

I wish to make an apology. In April, I wrote an article complaining about being signed up for a Tough Mudder, a 12-mile assault course involving hypothermia-inducing ice baths, electric shocks and other grisly nonsense such as dehydration. I mentioned how reluctant I had been to commit to something so gruelling but many of you wrote to tell me it wouldn't be that bad.

I will now concede that you may have had a point. The London Tough Mudder race took place on Saturday, and it really wasn't that tough. Or muddy. Or anywhere near London, for that matter. I'll admit that I found elements of it hard, but that's mainly because I'm still a vaguely out-of-shape idiot who hates heights and doesn't realise that trying to breathe underwater is a silly idea. But it's far from being The

Toughest Event on the Planet, which is how it sells itself. I've only been running with any degree of enthusiasm for five months, and I have already completed harder events. Trying to work out where the car was parked afterwards was probably tougher than Tough Mudder itself.

Instead, Tough Mudder is Disneyland. It's Tesco. It's a huge, slick, fiercely marketed money making machine; a travelling funfair that sweeps around the country indulging tens of thousands of would-be soldier fantasies. This weekend, approximately 20,000 of us took part, many of whom have already signed up for next year. Yes, it's hard to shake the feeling that this event is for profit as much as fun. Literally the last thing you see before taking a deep breath and submerging yourself in the Arctic Enema obstacle (essentially a load of ice in a skip) is an advert for cider.

But would I do it again, despite these qualms? Yes, in a heartbeat. It couldn't have been better organised. What's more, the atmosphere was fantastic. So much effort goes into reinforcing the notion of teamwork and camaraderie that there wasn't a trace of the unhealthy competitiveness you often get at these things.

Inevitably, my younger brother Pete – the person who bullied me into doing this – had the time of his life. He came along with a squadron of Mini-Petes, all topless and whooping and rubbing suntan lotion on to each other. At one stage in the race, Pete slipped off the 13ft 'Berlin Wall' and blacked out. I'm already bracing myself to hear that story get repeated every Christmas until one of us dies.

I was terrified of the Tough Mudder before it started. I'd heard that it took five hours

to complete. I heard about the man who died in April. I had read about the likelihood of broken bones. But it was fine. It was a lovely day out. We were wrapped up in about two and a half hours. If you can run a reasonable distance, you could probably do the Tough Mudder without too many worries. Plus, every couple of miles they give you a banana. What could be better than that?

So now, I have a favour to ask. Despite myself, I think I might be a little bit into this. I'm already eyeing up other mud-type events for September. Nothing too crazy. I don't want to race a horse or anything stupid like that. But I think I'd like to do SOMETHING. So, readers, what should I try next?

Stuart Heritage

Adapted from 'The Guardian' online