

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS (4 PERIOD COURSE)

SAMPLE PAPER

PART II: WRITING SKILLS

WRITING TASK 1 (30 marks)

Imagine you were given a large amount of money as a birthday present.

Write an email to your friend telling them what you have decided to spend it on and why.

Your email should be about 120 words

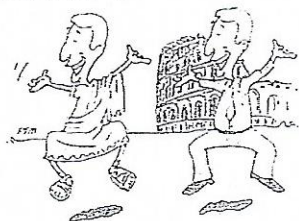
PART III: READING SKILLS

(30 MARKS)

Read the passage below and answer ALL the questions that follow.

When in Rome, do as the Romans do

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Rome isn't only about the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, and all of the other majestic monuments... Rome is also about picturesque little neighbourhoods, charming old architecture, pretty fountains around every corner, talented local artists and designers, mouthwatering cuisine, amazing wine, rich coffee... and the list goes on.

The key to enjoying your trip to Rome is to find a healthy balance between the hysterical monument-hopping and the more relaxed exploration filled with coffee, gelato, and wine breaks. In recent years, it has become much easier to live a travel experience in a way that is closer to the locals. From booking your accommodation to shopping to eating, your trip can be modelled for you to really get a good feel of what it would be like to *live* in the city you're visiting. This has become possible with the birth of apps and websites that meet the needs of the tourist who wants something more from a trip than the obvious sightseeing.

Where to sleep

While booking a hotel room is the simplest way to make sure you have a bed to sleep on, renting an apartment is becoming increasingly more popular. Why? Because the feeling of having a "home" somewhere will certainly make you feel like a local, even if just for a few days. When in Rome, you should aim to stay in (or very close to) the historic center, as this will make it possible for you to walk everywhere and to avoid the inefficient public transportation system!

What to eat

The best way to find a place where to eat is to ignore restaurant reviews and look at what the people who live in the area have to say. After all, if their sense of taste is satisfied, there is a strong chance that yours will be also! There are great sites and applications where you can get some locals' insider tips. The great thing about them is that many of these apps work offline as well, which is always useful when you are out and about.

What to do

Rome's monuments should be a matter of priority on your to-do list, and Google will undoubtedly give you all the names of the sights worth visiting. But if you happen to be

in the city for more than only a few days, you may want to be a little more creative in your planning. How about having dinner in the home of someone who lives here? Or making pasta with a local housewife? Or getting a professional photo shoot around the city with a local photographer? Today, a number of sites/apps make these experiences possible.

Where to shop

When in Rome, look up sites like *likealocal*, which are fed by locals who take the time to write about the businesses they feel are worth a visit for their quality, originality, etc. In their own way, they are putting wonderful businesses on the map in a Rome that has been flooded by too much cheapness over the last few years.

Adapted from: <http://www.panoramitalia.com/en/travel/article/rome-romans/3730/#sthash.vlruA825.dpuf>

A. Write whether the following sentences are True (T) or False (F). (10 marks)

1. There is more to visiting Rome than one thinks.
2. The secret to an enjoyable time in Rome is going sightseeing.
3. The writer advises tourists to Rome to do activities with local people.
4. Websites and apps help tourists enjoy an authentic taste of the city.
5. A hotel in the historic centre is the best accommodation option for visitors.

B. Choose the best answer a, b or c. (10 marks)

1. Buses in Rome are _____ on time.
 - a. always
 - b. rarely
 - c. usually
2. When choosing where to eat, visitors to Rome should rely on _____.
 - a. restaurant reviews
 - b. their sense of taste
 - c. what locals say

3. Visitors can access many apps with restaurant information _____.

- a. with or without an Internet connection
- b. only when they are offline
- c. only through the Internet

4. likealocal is a website with information on _____.

- a. local souvenir shops.
- b. local jewellery shops.
- c. shops selling new and different things.

5. The title of the article means that when you travel to a foreign country _____.

- a. you should copy exactly what the Romans do
- b. should be able to speak the local language
- c. you should behave as the locals

C. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B. (5 marks)

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1. picturesque	a. feeling that something is as good as it should be
2. accommodation	b. filled with
3. aim	c. a place for someone to stay
4. satisfied	d. plan
5. flooded by	e. very beautiful

D. Answer the following questions, according to the passage. (5 marks)

1. What is the secret to enjoying one's trip to Rome? (1 mark)

2. Apart from the fact that they can be very useful, what is so good about many of the apps the writer is advising tourists to use? (1 mark)

3. Apart from sightseeing, mention three (3) worthwhile activities that visitors can do in Rome. (3 marks)

PART IV: LANGUAGE USAGE

(20 MARKS)

A. Choose the correct option a, b or c so that the second sentence has a similar meaning to the first sentence. (5x1=5 marks)

1. The exhibition includes a free documentary film.

A free documentary film ____ in the exhibition.

- a. is included
- b. includes
- b. is being included

2. My course is more difficult than I expected.

My course isn't ____ I expected.

- a. less difficult than
- b. as difficult as
- c. more difficult than

3. John hasn't seen his uncle for several years.

The last time Bob ____ several years ago.

- a. has seen his uncle was
- b. had seen his uncle was
- c. saw his uncle was

4. 'Are you waiting to be served?' the waitress said to me.

The waitress asked if I ____ to be served.

- a. was waiting
- b. waited
- c. could wait

5. I'm not tall enough to reach the top of this cupboard.

If I ____, I would be able to reach the top of this cupboard.

- a. am taller
- b. were taller
- c. will be taller

B. Complete the following passage by choosing ONE of the three words in brackets. (10X1=10 marks)

Koko the famously social gorilla dies in California



Instructors taught the animal a version of American Sign Language and say Koko used it to express thoughts and feelings. The abilities of the gorilla, 1. (that/whom/which) also apparently understood some spoken English, 2. (will be /were/have been) documented by animal psychologist Francine Paterson a few years ago.

"Koko - the gorilla known 3. (for/because/of) its extraordinary ability to use sign language so 4. (good/well/best), died yesterday morning in its sleep 5. (in/by/at) the age of 46," a Gorilla Foundation press release said.

The gorilla 6. (has/had/will have) an IQ of 95 and could understand 2,000 words of spoken English. The average IQ for humans on 7. (few/many/any) tests is 100, and most people score somewhere 8. (among /from/between) 85 and 115.

The gorilla was 9. (born/borne/bourn) at the San Francisco Zoo and lived 10. (most/more/ the most) of its life at the Gorilla Foundation in California.

Adapted from: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-44559261>

C. Complete the following passage by using the correct form of the words in brackets.
(10x0.5=5 marks)

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Book review



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time is an incredible story, written in the voice of a fifteen-year-old boy with Asperger's Syndrome called, Christopher Boone. After discovering his neighbour's dog has been murdered, he sets off to find out who the 1. _____ (MURDER) could be. On his adventure, he discovers far more than he expected.....

Some people find it difficult to deal with Christopher because he can be so stubborn but I found him rather loveable. He is also 2. _____ (COMPLETE) true to himself, brilliant and like his hero Sherlock Holmes, logical and not 3. _____ (EMOTION).

Without giving away the ending, he manages to solve the 4. _____ (MYSTERY) case of the dog's murder in the most extraordinary way and becomes the unlikely hero of the story. Not only are his detective skills excellent, he manages to get brilliant marks in his maths exams without a lot of 5. _____ (REVISE)! This is one of the most amazing books I have ever read. It is one of those stories that I

feel everyone should know about. As well as being an 5. _____ (ORIGIN) story the book made me realise how people with Asperger's experience the world, so I now have more 7. _____ (UNDERSTAND) of them. It has changed me because it has made me think 8. _____ (different) about people with autism and I have come to appreciate the fact that their talents are fantastic and important. I would 9. _____ (HIGH) recommend this book to anyone who enjoys mystery, moments of heartbreak but, in the end, a happy ending and plenty of humour along the way. I have also seen the stage 10. _____ (PRODUCE) of this story and I would recommend that as well but read the book first and celebrate with Christopher as he wins the day!

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2016/jun/13/curious-incident-of-the-dog-in-the-night-time-mark-haddon-review>