

WRITING TASKS

TASK 1: COMPULSORY

Opinion essay – Communication/Technology

TASK 2: FOR CHOICE

Topic 1: Article – Environment

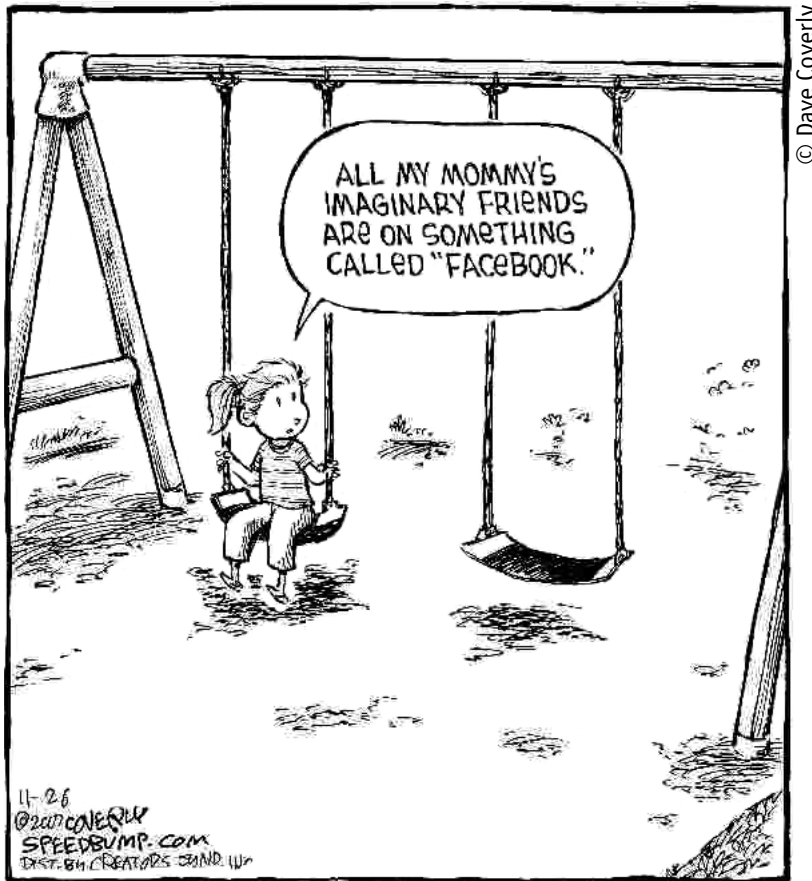
OR

Topic 2: Letter – Sports

OR

Topic 3: E-mail – Travelling

TASK 1: OPINION ESSAY – COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY



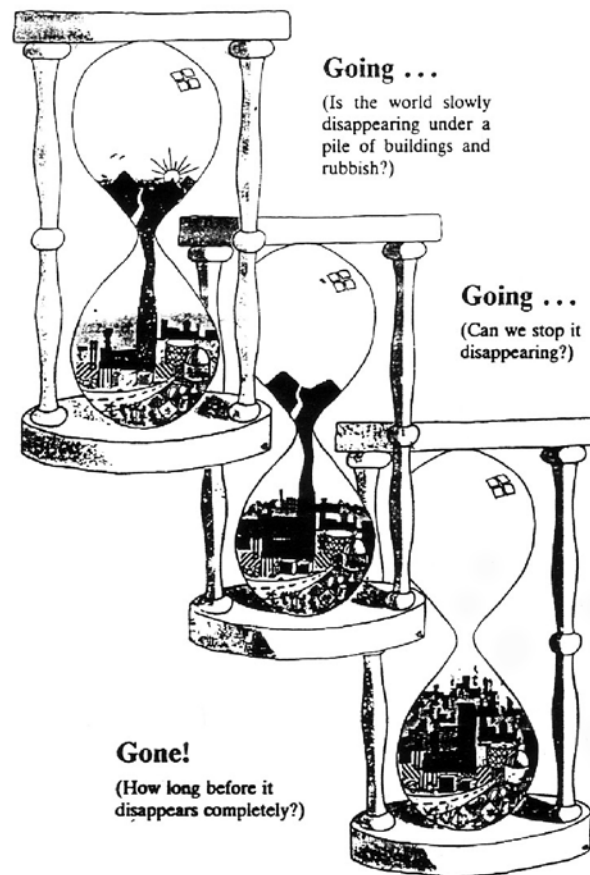
YOU CAN'T MAKE REAL FRIENDS ONLINE

Write an **opinion essay** in which you agree or disagree with the above statement taking into account the following items:

- current trends in online communication
- the role of social networking sites
- your personal online experiences

Length: 370 words (+/- 10%)

TASK 2 | TOPIC 1: ARTICLE – ENVIRONMENT



Spotlight magazine has started a new section called Youth Corner, which consists of articles featuring young people's views on current issues. They regularly publish the best texts. This month's topic is "environment". Since you are worried about the state of the environment in Austria, you have decided to send them an **article**.

Make sure that your article includes:

- an account of the most serious environmental problems your country is facing
- possible solutions and measures that have to be taken
- your personal contribution to protecting the environment

Length: 200 words (+/- 10%)

TASK 2 | TOPIC 2: LETTER – SPORTS

On *www.schule.at* you found this notice about a competition launched in Austrian schools:



COMPETITION

BritDesign, a team of architects from Britain, is planning a new sports centre for young people in your area.

What facilities would you – our future customers – like to find there? What can you suggest to make this venue the best place in town? Tell us and win a voucher for one year's free use of the sports centre!

Submit your letter to brit@design.co.uk

You find the idea of having free access to a local sports centre appealing and have decided to take part in the competition. Write a **formal letter** which focuses on:

- why you think a sports centre is needed
- what facilities the centre should provide
- who would benefit from it

Do not write any postal addresses or dates.

Length: 200 words (+/- 10%)

TASK 2 | TOPIC 3: E-MAIL – TRAVELLING



You have recently become a member of the CouchSurfing community. Norman Miller (21), a CouchSurfer from Miami, has contacted you asking whether you could host him from July 5–12.

Write a rather formal **e-mail** to answer the couch request in which you:

- briefly introduce yourself and describe your flat
- mention activities or places you want to share with your CouchSurfer
- explain your motivation why you offer your couch

Length: 200 words (+/- 10%)