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## 'O' Level English Language 1123 (Yearly)

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(1 hour 30 minutes)

Answer both *Section One* and *Section Two*.

Section 1: Directed Writing

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words.

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for following the task instructions.

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for the language you use.

**Question 1**

During the last twelve months, the number of tourists visiting your local area has increased a lot. This has brought both advantages and disadvantages. The local council has asked residents to give their opinions about the large increase in tourism. You decide to write a report for the local council giving your views.

Write your **report**. You must include the following:

- the advantages of more tourists visiting your local area
- the disadvantages of more tourists visiting your local area
- which one of the disadvantages the council should deal with first **and** how they should deal with it.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your report informative and persuasive. Start your report 'To the Local Council'. Remember to give your name and a date.

Section 2: Composition

Begin your answer on a new page of your answer booklet.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. You will be awarded marks for accurate use of language and relevant content: 30.

**Question 2–6**

**Description**


2. Describe **two** different possessions which are very important to your family – one which is useful and one which is for decoration. (Remember you can describe the possessions, how your family got them and why they are so important to your family.)

**Argument**

3. 'People try too hard to be like other people. It is much better to concentrate on being yourself.' How far do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
4. 'I believe everyone should now be forced by law to recycle.' What is your opinion? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

**Narrative**

5. Write a story which includes the sentence: 'It wasn't what the woman said to me but the way she said it which made me hesitate.'
6. Write a story about someone who moves back to their home town after a long time away and finds their new life there more difficult than expected.

 **Section One: Directed Writing**

To: The Local Council  
 From: Muhammad Ibrahim Ahmad  
 Date: February 6, 2023  
 Subject: effects of tourism

I am writing this report to bring into your consideration that from the past 10 months our locality has an increased tourism. Tourism is critical to the prosperity of many economies throughout the world, particularly Pakistan. Tourism has a number of advantages to host cities. Likewise, tourism is boosting our economy and the income of the local people, producing hundreds of employment opportunities, improving infrastructure (e.g. roads and buildings) and fostering cultural exchange between locals and foreigners. Tourism has generated a substantial employment opportunity in variety of industries like tour guides, transport companies, local shops and small-scale businesses (e.g. handicrafts).

Tourism is providing a platform for the foreigners to learn about our culture and be an ambassador of our people in their own countries. However when tourism becomes unsustainable, it has a potential to permanently harm the ecosystem. Tourism is affecting our vegetation as many new hotels are opening at our agricultural lands. Due to more traffic, air quality is deteriorating day by day as well as water quality. As a large number of tourists are coming to our area, overcrowding usually overload the transportation which contribute to pollution. Streets and pavements are highly polluted and there is garbage all around which needs to be removed immediately.

The local council should improve waste management system to control land pollution in the area. There should be more people recruited for the cleanliness of the streets. Dumping sites should be created and dustbins should be installed to cater to the problem of garbage. Clean roads and streets will leave a positive impact on the visiting tourists. Moreover, tourist sites should be converted to no cargo areas or else electrical trains should be started to cater to air and noise pollution.


Overall, I hope that my recommendations will be taken into suggestion. If you will have any queries, feel free to contact.

Reported by: Muhammad Ibrahim Ahmad

(330 words)

 **COMMENTS ON THE ESSAY**

Report should have a defined structure and objectivity to clearly deal with the purpose that means avoid personal opinions and beliefs. It must have accuracy which means any facts written in the report must be verified basing on points asked. Clear tone is needed so avoid using expressions that convey uncertainty like 'maybe' or 'perhaps'. Use short concise words and convey information in a few words instead of long sentences and phrases.

 Section Two: Composition

- 2. Describe two different possessions which are very important to your family – one which is useful and one which is for decoration. (Remember you can describe the possessions, how your family got them and why they are so important to your family.)**

The most precious possession that is very useful for my family is our car. It is a 2022 model Toyota Yaris GLI in white colour. It has a 1300cc engine with a horsepower of 98 and max speed of 180 km/h. We have been looking for a vehicle for quite some time and after a plenty of consideration we decided to go for Toyota Yaris GLI due to its fuel economy. We decided to go for financing our car from a corporate bank, but later we regretted that decision as the bank's markup rates fluctuated every year and the car cost us dearly.

The new possession is a useful addition to our family as it is used on a daily basis. Going to job, going to the relatives, shopping, exotic tours and to visit the doctor, we use this car for daily family commute. Moreover, it has proved us a luxury as owning a vehicle in the times of economic turmoil is a blessing. We commute on this car for going to places with more comfort and saving. The children of our family are in love with this car.

The second possession my family has is a 12 bore double barrel William Ford shotgun which is an antique gun as it dates back to 1948 and came to our family as a hereditary asset from my grandfather, who got that gun from a British officer named Bryant Richardson. That gun has intricate pattern on the silver plate around its stock. One can also read the company name and its manufacturing date engraved on its muzzle. Once that gun was handed over to the local police officer on his own demand, but later it was returned to us.

Our dear possession adds to the interest of the guests who visit our house and take a keen interest in that piece of beauty. Most of the guests ask about its origins and manufacturing date and we tell them its story with joy. Before framing it as a decoration, we used that gun for shooting sports and for hunting. My father has used this gun as he is fond of hunting and every spring, he goes with his club members to riverside for goose hunting. This gun has served for many years and is now resting in its glass frame on the wall of our main hall.

(393 words)



## COMMENTS ON THE ESSAY

The sole aim of a descriptive essay is to draw a realistic and actual picture in front of the reader. It must have vivid details to paint a picture in the reader's mind and appeal to the reader's senses. It should showcase figurative language which are tools of the writer's craft such as analogy, simile, and metaphor to add depth to descriptions. Moreover, it requires precise language and thoughtful organisation.

**3. 'People try too hard to be like other people. It is much better to concentrate on being yourself.' How far do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.**

Unbelievably, one of the most frequently discussed topic is how to stop caring about other people's opinion and instead put your attention on yourself. It is not always such a clear-cut issue "But I don't want my parents to be disappointed", is one possible phrase or "I know they are judging me", alternatively, "What if I do something and they get upset at me"? We all get to experience such kind of questions at any point of our life. Women are more prone to falling into this dilemma.

We are shaped by society's expectations of us of having wonderful careers from the moment we are born. This has a significant impact on how we change over time and how our brain process the world. Self-care does not mean that you are selfish. It represents self-love. It can be challenging to change your focus when you have been used to concentrating on other people. By focusing on yourself you can be unique person in yourself. You can have abilities that others do not have. Focusing on yourself means prioritizing your own needs and desires. That does not mean you are actively working against others. It simply means you are not ignoring yourself to make them happy.

Making time for your hobbies and goals can help boost your self-esteem. For example, confronting your fears, learning something new, focusing on your abilities, learning to meditate and feel useful for yourself can help a lot to focus on yourself. Self-efficacy or your abilities to believe in yourself can improve your success in different goals. Other people do not have abilities that you have, so this brings difference and uniqueness in your personality. And the most important to get focused in your own is to get to know your inner voice. Taking calculated risks make you feel elevated.

One should not pursue goals blindly that are told to them by others or imposed on them and believe that he or she will one day excel in anything. Blind ambitions breed entitlement and the more you believe you are entitled, the easier it will be for you to step on others to achieve your goals. Simple tips can be used to focus in one's own personality. Start with small changes and basic needs. Writing down your thoughts and feelings is another important way of self-realization and reflection. Focusing on yourself by pursuing creativity, hobbies, and other leisure activities has been shown in studies to improve general wellbeing. Also, those who actively pursue their own pleasures are much more likely to be resilient and content. When you focus on yourself you improve your relationships with those around you. When you start filling your cup up you tend to see vast improvement in your health, mindset, work and goals, whatever it is that is important to you. It is amazing how you stand taller, walk more confidently and are more playful and happier. So, be yourself and the world will adjust.

(493 words)



COMMENTS ON THE ESSAY

There is a three-point structure for the main body of the essay - "For" Argument - include all valid points that are logical and emphasise on them - All points must be in favour of your opinion and they should be your strongest points. Counter Argument - Pick out strongest counter arguments and state them and be logical. Disputing Counter Arguments - After writing the counter arguments, you must dispute them and prove them to be either wrong or not strong enough to win the argument.

**NOVEMBER** 2022**PaPeR** 2

EXPLANATIONS TO THE PASSAGE

1 Read the following passages carefully before you attempt any questions.

2 Answer **all** questions in **both** Section 1 and Section 2. You are recommended to answer them in the order set.

3 Mistakes in spelling, punctuation and grammar may be penalised in any part of the paper.

### Passage 1 — Cinemas and Streaming

- 1 The advent of television more than seventy years ago was seen by many as a threat to cinemas but cinemas fought back. Nowadays cinemas are under attack again, this time from streaming services, which provide films on-demand through internet providers. So, which is better: cinemas or streaming? 5
- 2 The cinema has many attractions. Huge screens make the film come alive in a way impossible on a television; cinema screens are between 10 and 30 metres wide and up to 10 metres high, and this contributes to the audience's enjoyment. A feature called 'surround sound' enriches the depth of sound reproduction, whether dialogue, music or special effects; in particular, speakers behind the listener create the sensation of sound coming from all directions. Modern cinemas are sometimes furnished with reclining seats, pillows and blankets, making the experience comfortable and even luxurious. 10
- 3 The shared experience of being part of an audience also enhances a trip to the cinema, as everyone is not only individually but also collectively immersed in the film as the plot unfolds, and themes and characters develop. Going to the cinema with family and friends makes for a memorable evening or afternoon out – although avoid the temptation to buy too many unhealthy snacks in the foyer! Watching films at home lends itself to interruptions – the doorbell rings, dinner has to be served, the children squabble. But watching a film in a cinema offers total escapism and relaxation as you leave everything behind and settle down to watch the film. 15
- 4 The cinema offers audiences the opportunity to be part of a long tradition of more than a century, one which they can trace from the first silent films through to today's computer-generated images and special effects. Both streamed and cinema films can attract much publicity before the film is released. However, the pre-release hype of cinema films is often accompanied by merchandise – clothing, stationery and gadgets, particularly for films targeted at children – and this heightens the anticipation felt as people wait for the film to be released. 20



#### Paragraph 1

The existence of cinemas was threatened with the invention of T.V but cinemas fought back. Now, this existence is under threat again by streaming services. These services provide movies on demand through internet providers. What's better, Cinema or Streaming?



#### Paragraph 2

Cinemas have their own perks. The screen is bigger having 10-30 meters width and almost 10 meters height, which gives the picture a real-life experience. Moreover, the surround system gives the audience a wonderful experience as if the sound is coming from all directions. Modern cinemas provide sofa seats, seat recliners, pillows and blankets for a comfortable and luxurious movie experience. 5



#### Paragraph 3

Cinema provides a feeling of being an audience as people gather to watch the same thing which also builds interest. Going to cinema with family and friends can be a memorable experience, but avoid buying junk food. It offers escapism and relaxation as you focus entirely to the movie which can never be attained at home, as movie is interrupted often by door bell, dinner and children squabbling. 10



#### Paragraph 4

Cinema connects you to the long tradition of more than a century starting from silent films through today's computer-generated images and special effects. Furthermore, cinema films create a hype before their release and often create a merchandise particularly where the target audience are children from clothing to gadgets. It heightens the anticipation and public wait for the film to be released. 15

- 5 Streaming is a very different experience. One of its attractions is that several people can access a single streaming account, so that maybe five separate people in one house are able to watch films of their choice. Moreover, streaming is cheaper than going to the cinema. You can pay your internet provider for a whole month of streaming for about the same price as a single cinema ticket; the money saved can make a significant difference to large families or those on a low income. As streaming is accessed through the internet, you can use your account on any device such as a smart television, tablet or smart phone and thus your options for watching films are multiplied. Because only an internet connection is required to use streaming services, films can be watched in a variety of places, for example a cafe; by simply logging on to your account, you can make a long train journey more fun by watching a film on your tablet, but don't forget to wear headphones to avoid disturbing other passengers.
- 6 Some people have work patterns which make cinema trips difficult to schedule; if you work as, for example, a waiter in a restaurant or a nurse in a hospital, getting to the cinema might be impossible except on days off. But watching a streamed film can be done at any time that suits, even in the middle of the night. Busy people may not have time to go out to the cinema and parents of young children are often unable to set aside three consecutive hours. For people such as these, streaming gives the opportunity to serialise a film, perhaps by watching it in half hour stages over a few evenings.
- 7 Sometimes streaming services make a film series and release each episode at the same time, making it possible to 'binge' view by watching the whole series over a few days; many people enjoy this form of entertainment. In fact, it is recommended to sign up to a streaming account for this very reason. Cinema films are available for viewing for a limited period of time. However, many of them eventually arrive in streaming services anyway and, for people patient enough to wait, the possibility of catching up on something you've missed is a further benefit.



## EXPLANATIONS TO THE PASSAGE



## Paragraph 5

40 Streaming offers a different experience. One attraction is that several people can access the same account and people can watch movies of their own choice. It is way cheaper as you have to pay monthly to your service provider and it costs the same as a single cinema ticket. It also provides ease of access; you only need an internet connection to watch movies no matter where you are. Furthermore, you can access it on different devices such as smart T.V, tablet and mobile phones.



## Paragraph 6

55 Some people find it difficult to go to cinema due to their jobs such as nurses and waiters. Such people can watch movies in the middle of night during free time at work. Parents of infants also find it difficult to spare three hours for a film. They can easily stream a film at home and can serialize it and watch it in stages of half an hour over a few evenings.



## Paragraph 7

70 Sometimes, streaming services release a film series with all episodes at the same time. Many people are interested in this kind of entertainment as they watch it over a few days and they only require to sign up an account. Cinema films are for a limited period of time while on streaming services you can watch films whenever you want to so you do not have to miss anything.



**Passage 2 — The Otter**

*(The passage describes an incident which happened while Hetta and her brother, called Will, spent some of their long summer holidays at their aunt's house.)*

- 1 It was a long train ride to my aunt's house and Will read for most of the way. I amused myself by staring out of the window and making up stories about Moonblossom, the fairy I had invented as my companion. I was not quite seven and was used to being ignored by Will, but I didn't mind. It's hard to convey quite how special he was to me but as a small child I would have done anything for him. 5
- 2 I've never met anyone who cared quite as passionately as Will did about the people and things dear to him. Will was protective of me and would have fought anyone who tried to harm me. Besides being so valiant – or that's how it seemed to me – Will had initiative. This was shown when we had been at my aunt's house less than a day and Will found a place for us to swim. While the river near the house was good enough for catching fish, it was too shallow for swimming. But, downriver, the water ran deeper. We would swim, said Will, near a castle he had found that stood about five miles further down. 10 15
- 3 Will carried me on his back part of the long way to the castle. At a bend in the river, under his direction, we constructed a dam out of some of the rocks which had made the track very difficult to negotiate. After our swim we were sitting on the bank, enjoying the warmth of the sun, when we heard the loud barking of dogs downstream. Will jumped up, pointing at the small round head of a creature swimming for its life. 20
- 4 It was the first time I'd seen an otter, though I recognised what it was. Confused by the barking dogs chasing it and by its own sense of peril, the otter began desperately scrambling over our dam, its paws slipping. Will grabbed his towel and waded downstream. I saw him wrap the towel round his hands, making a kind of sling, and lean down and lift something out of the water. He hurried back, with a towelled bundle in his arms. 25 30

**EXPLANATIONS TO THE PASSAGE****Paragraph 1**

It was a long train journey to my aunt's house and Will read all the way as I entertained myself looking out of the window and created stories about Moonblossom, a fairy I had created as my friend. Will ignored me as I was seven but I didn't mind as Will was very special and I would have done anything for him.

**Paragraph 2**

Will was passionate and caring about people he loved and he was overprotective of me and have fought anyone who tried to harm me. Besides being so brave he was creative as he found us a place to swim on the very day we arrived at our aunt's house. River was shallow near the house that was good for fishing, but not for swimming. Downriver, near the castle that Will found was deep and we could swim there.

**Paragraph 3**

Will carried me on his back to the castle and we constructed a dam from some rocks, to clear the way, at a bend of the river on Will's directions. After the swim we were sitting in the warmth of the sun when we heard dogs barking downstream. Will pointed at some roundhead creature swimming to save its life.

**Paragraph 4**

I had seen an otter for the first time, though, I knew how it looked like. Otter ran over our dam and its paws slipped due to the fear and confusion of chasing barking dogs. Will made a sling out of his towel, lifted something from water and ran back carrying a towelled bundle in his arms.

- 5 The otter lay quite docile, shuddering from time to time and rolling back its lips to expose pink gums. A rank smell of fear was exuding from its damp pelt. The dogs, by now sensing defeat, had run off. Will, who was kneeling under a tree nursing the otter, said its paw was badly damaged. I began to cry. Will snapped at me. 'Be quiet, Hetta. We don't need crybabies,' he said. I was indeed quiet because Will had a temper and I was scared of rousing it. Swaddled in the towel, the poor creature occasionally made a high-pitched crying sound. But the chase and the pain must have depleted its instinct to struggle and the creature became calm and still. Moreover, Will had that touch with animals which made them sense they were in safe hands, although from time to time the damp little body made frantic twitches and jerks.
- 6 Will carried the otter back to the house and offered him mashed sardines from a tin, which he spurned in disgust. When our uncle came home, he drove Will to the vet with the otter. I stayed behind but all I wanted was to know what was happening at the vet's; my kind aunt played a card game with me, although games bored her. In fact, the game bored me too – but our mother had raised us with a strict regard for manners and I knew to pretend I was enjoying myself. After a while my aunt said, 'Hetta, life is just too awful sometimes, don't you think?' I've always remembered this because I was grateful to her for talking to me like that. She never made any concession for children being children.
- 7 When the others came back, they reported that Will had held the poor creature in the towel while the vet injected him with an antibiotic, cleaned the wound and put a splint and bandage around the injured paw. His eyes had been open but glazed. When the vet opened the cage he made no effort to escape. He was to stay there overnight, but the vet assured us that the little creature was on the mend.



## EXPLANATIONS TO THE PASSAGE



## Paragraph 5

The otter was lying submissive, often shook to ward off water from its fur and was stinking fear. The dogs had run away and Will was nursing the otter under the tree. He said that otter had badly injured its paw that made me cry, Will scolded me to keep quiet as he was short tempered and I obeyed him. The long chase had made the otter tired as it was calm and still, but occasionally it made shrieking sounds out of pain. Will's hand made it feel safe, but it made jerks and shivered agitatedly.



## Paragraph 6

We carried it back home and offered some sardine fish which it rejected in disgust. When uncle returned, he drove Will and otter to the vet. While at home, I was only wondering what was happening at the vet. I and aunt played cards even though we both did not like it, but we pretended to be happy and aunt talked to me to diverge my attention. She never made me feel like I was a child.



## Paragraph 7

When they returned they told that the vet treated the wounded paws of the otter and gave it some antibiotics. Later, he opened the cage, but otter did not make any movement, but vet said that it was already making good recovery.

Section 1: Reading for ideas

Read *Passage 1, Cinemas and Streaming*, in the insert and answer *all* the questions below.

1. (a) Notes [12 marks]

Identify and write down the advantages of cinemas, and the advantages of streaming, as outlined in the passage.

USE MATERIAL FROM PARAGRAPHS 2 TO 7 INCLUSIVE

At this stage, you do **not** need to use your own words. Use note form. To help you get started, the first point in each section of notes is done for you. You may find it helpful to use bullet points when listing the content points.

You will be awarded up to **12** marks for **content** points.

**Content Points**

**Advantages of cinemas**

- *Huge screens (make the film come alive)*

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**Advantages of streaming**

- *several people can access a single streaming account*

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

1. (a) Advantages of cinemas

- Surround sounds create sensation and feeling and enhance the effect.
- People experience luxury seatings and accessories in cinemas like recliners, blankets and pillows.
- The shared experience of being part of an audience and engrossed in the film.
- Creates memories with family and friends, experiencing a good time together.
- Experience of escapism as people completely forget about work and daily routine
- Audience can be a part of long tradition of variety of movies
- Publicity of movies heightens excitement

**Advantages of streaming**

- Inexpensive way of watching film a month of streaming costs the same as a single ticket of cinema.
- Can be used on multiple devices
- Films can be watched anywhere, if internet connection is available.
- People can watch movies over a series of period, if cannot in one sitting.
- One can binge the series or episodes in a short time.
- One can catch up on the missed episodes at their convenience.

**(b) Summary [10 marks]**

Now use your notes from **1(a)** to write a summary of the advantages of cinemas, and the advantages of streaming, as outlined in the passage.

Use your own words as far as possible. You will be awarded marks for producing a piece of writing which is relevant, well organised and easy to follow.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (**not** note form). You are advised to write between **150** and **180** words, including the **10** words given below.

Begin your summary as follows:

*One of the advantages of cinemas is that they have*

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 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

1. **(b)** One of the advantages of cinemas is that they have huge screens that make the picture come alive and it is a real-life experience. Moreover, surround sounds enhance the sound effects and add flavour to special effects, dialogues and music. Furthermore, cinemas offer seat recliners, blankets, pillows thus making the experience more comfortable. It gives the people an experience of being a collective audience and all are engrossed in the same content. Going to cinema with family and friends can be a memorable experience. In addition, it offers escapism and relaxation as you focus entirely on the movie uninterrupted. Also, cinemas make you a part of long tradition spanning over a century. Further, it heightens the anticipation and public wait for the film to be released.

On the contrary, in streaming several people share the same account. Hence, its way cheaper as it costs the same as a single cinema ticket. Besides, you can access it on different devices. Additionally, it also provides ease of access and you only need an internet connection to watch movies in a jiffy wherever you are. People can easily stream a film at home and can even serialize it and watch it in stages of half an hour over a few evenings. While one can also binge the series or episodes and watch it in a short period of time. On streaming services, you can watch films where ever and whenever you want to.

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