

Thinking Skills Assessment Oxford

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Section 2

Writing Task

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Please read this page carefully, but do not open this question paper until you are told that you may do so.

A separate answer sheet is provided for this section. Please check you have one.

Please complete the answer sheet with your TSA candidate number, centre number, date of birth and name. **Your answer sheet should be completed in black ink.**

This question paper contains a choice of four tasks, of which you must answer only **one**. There is space on the question paper for preliminary notes. **Your answer must be written on the answer sheet provided.** No additional answer sheets may be used. **Candidates with permission to use a word processor must not exceed 1200 words.**

The questions each provide an opportunity for you to show how well you can select, develop and organise ideas and communicate them effectively in writing.

It is important that your answer is relevant to the question and addresses it directly. This is not a test of knowledge, nor is it assumed that the questions have right or wrong answers. If the question requires you to make judgements and express your opinions, try to provide coherent arguments to support your views and consider the merits of possible counter arguments.

Before you begin writing, take time to think carefully about what you need to say and the ways in which the organisation of your response might help convey your message.

Note that your response must be contained in the space provided on a single two-page answer sheet. The disciplines involved in this are considered key features of the task.

Take care to show how well you can write and be concise, clear and accurate. You **must** complete your answer sheet within the time limit.

Dictionaries and calculators are NOT permitted.

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Use this space and the back page for notes etc. if you wish. Remember that your response must be written on the answer sheet provided.



YOU MUST ANSWER ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

- 1. Loss of schooling has a serious impact on children's lives; attending school during a pandemic may risk the health of other people through encouraging virus spread. Is there a rational method of balancing these concerns?**
- 2. What is the best way to handle those aspects of the legacy of history which we deeply regret?**
- 3. Are there moral questions that science can help us to answer?**
- 4. Does the response to the COVID-19 pandemic make serious political action on climate and environmental issues any more or any less likely?**

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