

Marker's Report

2023 EL PRELIM PAPER 1 CONTINUOUS
WRITING



How to infuriate your marker



With your messy handwriting & scribbling when you actually don't know the spelling!



Long winded answers that go beyond 500 words (You know who you are!)



Repeating the question in every other para (in case the marker forgets??)



Writing without a plan- it's very obvious

Spelling BEE

- Relief vs relieve
- advice vs advise
- tuitions
- hone
- perseverant
- utmost vs upmost
- Distress vs Destress
- Inconvenience
- To vs too!!! (Yup, we had plenty)
- Off vs of
- Consistent or consist
- A lot



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When answering a question like "Describe three skills a teenager must possess in today's world. Why are these skills so important?" in an essay or discussion, it's important to provide a well-rounded response.

- **Choose Relevant Skills:** Select three skills that are particularly relevant to today's world. Consider skills that are not only important for academic success but also for personal development and future career prospects.
- **Provide a Clear Introduction:** Begin your response with a brief introduction that sets the context for the skills you will discuss. Mention the significance of these skills in today's rapidly changing world.
- **Explain Each Skill in Detail:** Describe what each skill entails, and provide examples to illustrate its importance.



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- Support with Evidence: Back up your points with real-life examples or statistics whenever possible. Use credible sources to reinforce the importance of these skills.
- Discuss the Importance: Explain why each skill is essential in today's world. Discuss how possessing these skills can benefit teenagers in various aspects of their lives, including academics, personal growth, and future career opportunities.
- Connect to Real-World Relevance: Show the practical application of these skills in real-world scenarios. Discuss how they are valued in the job market, higher education, and everyday life.
- Highlight Adaptability: Emphasize the importance of adaptability and the ability to learn new skills as an overarching theme. In today's rapidly changing world, the capacity to adapt is crucial.

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- Popular question- gave the marker a lot of grief
- Need a balanced view, some of the ideas were very superficial. It is as if your parents have no access to technology. Some of you explained that they climbed trees and made their own fishing rods!!!
- Some good scripts were really share how mindsets have shifted and that some parents were still clinging on to traditional ideas.

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Answering a question like this requires thoughtful consideration and a well-structured response. The answers need to include persuasive elements

- **Understand the Question:** Begin by clearly understanding what the question is asking. In this case, it's about whether teenagers believe their parents' life experiences and advice are relevant, and whether you agree with this perspective.
- **Take a Balanced Approach:** While the question asks for your opinion, try to present a balanced argument. Acknowledge that there may be both valid and invalid reasons why teenagers may feel this way.
- **Consider Both Sides:** Explore both sides of the argument. Discuss why some teenagers might feel that their parents' advice is no longer relevant, as well as reasons why parents' advice could still be valuable.
- **Personal Experience:** If relevant, you can share your personal experiences or observations. For instance, if you're a teenager, you might discuss whether you've ever felt this way and why.
- **Generational Differences:** Consider how societal and technological changes have created generational gaps.
- **Discuss how the world today may be different from when your parents were teenagers and why that might impact the relevance of their advice-** these have to be realistic.



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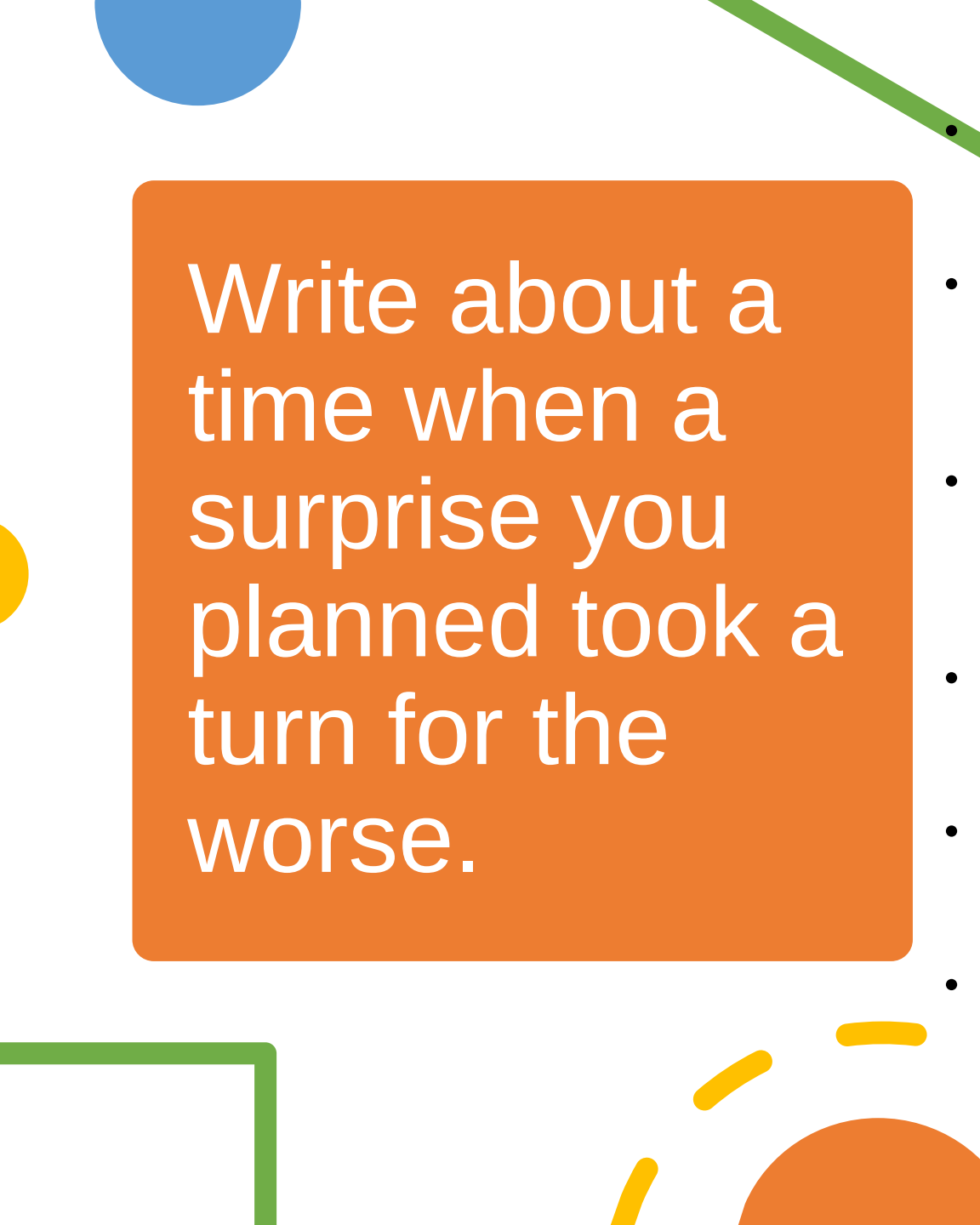
- Issues with Communication and Understanding: Highlight the importance of effective communication between teenagers and parents.
- Examples: Use real-life examples to illustrate your points. Provide anecdotes or stories that support your arguments. You could also cite surveys or studies that have explored the relationship between teenagers and parents.
- Analyze Individual Situations: Recognize that not all teenagers or parents are the same. Some parents may have valuable insights and advice, while others may not. It's important to differentiate between individual circumstances.
- Conclude Thoughtfully: Summarize your key points and restate your position on whether you agree or disagree with the statement. Your conclusion should be concise and clearly state your stance



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Personal Recount, majority of you wrote this

- Needed a good plot
- You need to include reflections on how the action affected you
- Good language / description on how the action had affected you
- You need to start as close to the action as possible. A lot of you focused on all the events leading to the action instead. (You didn't end up scoring)
- Cliché stories, and some of you pretending to be adults and married – definite no no
- But I read some very moving, heartfelt accounts too. (You scored with your sincere tone!)



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- When answering a question about a surprise that took a turn for the worse, you should aim to provide a compelling and well-structured narrative that engages the reader.
- Choose an Appropriate Experience: Select a specific incident from your life that fits the context of the question. Make sure it's a genuine surprise you planned, and that it had notable consequences.
- Set the Scene: Begin your response by setting the scene and providing some context for the surprise. Describe the event, location, and the people involved. This helps the reader understand the situation.
- Build Suspense: Use descriptive language and storytelling techniques to build suspense. Make the reader curious about what the surprise was and how it was planned.
- Detail the Surprise: Explain what the surprise was, how you planned it, and why you chose to do it. Provide insights into your thought process and motivations.
- Introduce the Twist: At the appropriate moment in your narrative, reveal how the surprise took a turn for the worse. Be clear about what went wrong and why it was unexpected.



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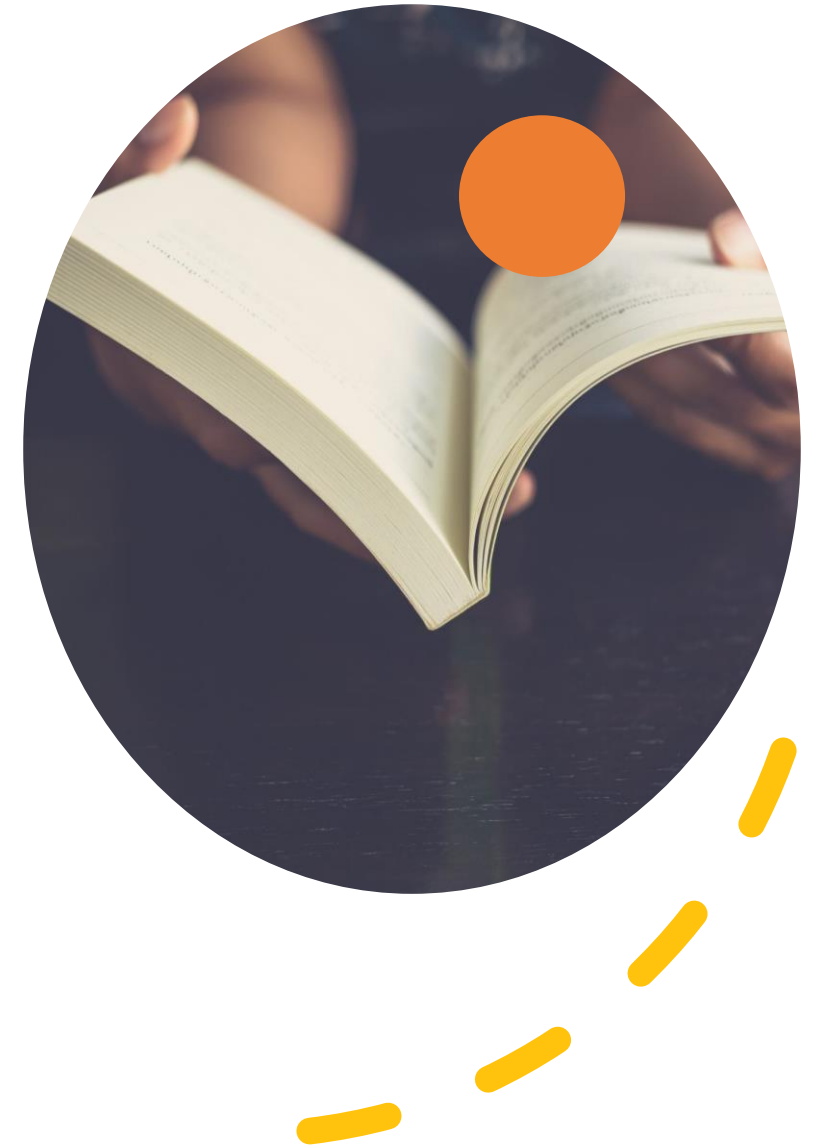
- **Emotional Impact:** Describe your emotions and reactions when things started to go awry. Were you shocked, disappointed, or anxious? Share your thoughts and feelings with the reader. Include Lessons Learned: Reflect on the experience and discuss any lessons you gained from it. How did this unexpected turn of events impact you? Did it change your perspective or behavior in any way?
 - **Engage the Reader:** Keep the reader engaged by using descriptive language, dialogue, and sensory details. Help them visualize the situation and connect with your experience.
 - **Maintain a Logical Flow:** Ensure your narrative flows logically from the setup to the surprise to the resolution. Use transition words and sentences to guide the reader through your story smoothly.
 - **Conclude Meaningfully:** Conclude your narrative by summarizing the key points and lessons learned. Consider how the experience has shaped your thinking or actions since then.
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Novels and poetry have no place in today's fast paced world. What are your views?

- Popular question
- Need a balanced view, some of you were very naïve and did not really link the issues to our modern world
- Some good scripts were able to outline the importance of novels and poetry while recognizing that it was tough to compete with other forms of entertainment
- You should not start the essay with your stand- I'm appalled that we are still doing this. We need a hook and lead in...

Answering an essay question like "Novels and poetry have no place in today's fast-paced world. What are your views?" requires careful thought and a well-structured response.

- Begin by thoroughly understanding the question. Identify the key elements: the assertion that novels and poetry may not have a place in today's fast-paced world and the request for your views. This will help you frame your response.
- Take a balanced approach: While you may have personal opinions on the matter, try to present a balanced argument that considers both sides of the issue. Acknowledge that the world is fast-paced but also highlight the enduring value of novels and poetry.
- Develop a clear thesis statement: Craft a clear and concise thesis statement that encapsulates your main argument. Your thesis should provide a roadmap for your essay and clearly state whether you agree, disagree, or have a nuanced perspective on the topic.
- Provide evidence and examples: Support your thesis statement with evidence and examples from literature and the real world. Discuss how novels and poetry can still be relevant and impactful in today's society. Cite specific works and authors to illustrate your points





- Address the fast-paced world: Acknowledge the fast-paced nature of modern life and discuss how this has affected people's reading habits and attention spans. Consider how literature can adapt to and even benefit from these changes.
- Highlight the unique qualities of novels and poetry, such as their ability to provide insight into the human condition, foster empathy, offer escapism, and encourage critical thinking.
- Explain why these qualities remain relevant today.
- Consider digital media and technology: Discuss how novels and poetry have found new platforms in the digital age, such as e-books, audiobooks, and social media, which make literature more accessible to a wider audience.
- Organize your essay with a clear introduction, body paragraphs that support your thesis, and a conclusion that summarizes your key points and restates your position.
- Stay focused on the question: Throughout your essay, keep your response relevant to the original question. Avoid going off-topic or including irrelevant information.

Consolidated thoughts...[Mdm Su]



The boys must have a firm control over the central idea of the body paragraph and ensure that their evidence / example/elaboration all connect back to the main point. They seem to lose focus of the topic statement and delve into something else



The boys struggled with writing an effective intro and conclusion. They must understand that the introduction is like a road map to the entire essay- it informs the reader of the journey the writer is taking him or her on. Conclusions are not a mere regurgitation of ideas mentioned in the body paragraph. It was disappointing to see boys write the same points in their conclusion without even paraphrasing them. The conclusion needs a hook in the form of a memorable ending too.



There were several boys who repeated the question in every paragraph- this made reading the essay tiresome and it was unnecessary.