

Sample English Test

Writing Paper - Argue/Persuade/Advise

Please read this page, but do not open the booklet until your teacher tells you to start. Write your name and form on the top of your file paper.

- The paper is 45 minutes long, including 15 minutes planning time
- There is one task which has 30 marks
- Plan your work on the planning page opposite the task.

A new skate park?

The following extract was taken from an article debating about the building of a new tow centre skateboard park:

Do we want a skate park on Maple Green?

The parks and recreation department of the City Council is proposing a skateboard park on Maple Green. The scheme has met with both support and opposition, opening up a passionate debate about the city's green spaces.

Francis Wood-Williams has said, 'Maple Green is a nice peaceful place. If there were a skateboard park, it would be noisier and more crowded. A concrete skate park would be ugly and block the view.'

Rosie Wong states, 'It's a shame that Skateboarding has come to be associated with trouble. Most of the kids who do it are nice kids; all they really want is somewhere to go.'

Write a letter to the City Council arguing either for or against a skate park on Maple Green.

30 Marks

- Words and phrases to use in the introduction and conclusion

□ Arguments	□ Counter arguments