

The Examination

There are **two** texts. Read each text carefully and answer all of the questions.

Text A

You read the following leaflet:

HIGHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Notice to Residents of Highfield

Highfield Town Council is pleased to announce plans for a new children's playground. The unsightly area of woodland next to the football club, known locally as The Copse, will be cleared to make space for the playground, which is a much-needed facility in the town.



Why this site?

This site has been chosen because the trees are very old. Many have dead branches or are hollow and it is felt that they could be a potential hazard for anyone in the area, such as cyclists, ramblers and dog walkers. Children may hurt themselves if they climb onto branches that may turn out to be rotten.

More reasons

Several residents of Birch Close, which backs on to The Copse, have complained that the trees block the sunlight from their gardens, so they cannot sunbathe on warm days. Some say flowers and vegetables are difficult to grow through lack of sunlight and the vicar worries that the roots of one particularly big tree will damage the foundations of the church. Also, some residents have complained that on a windy night the noise of the trees disturbs them.

What will the wood be used for?

Most of the trees are oak, which is a useful material, and the good wood will be used by a local woodcarver to make crafts for the summer fair. The proceeds* will go to charity. Any dead wood or offcuts will be given to the local cricket club for their annual bonfire.

Safety first

The new playground will be a safe place for the children of Highfield and the loss of the woodland is unlikely to worry Highfield's residents.

David Hodges
Chairman of Highfield Town Council

*The money raised will go to Highfield Dogs Home

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According to Text A, where is The Copse?

Tick (✓) **one** box

(1 mark)

A	Next to the local cricket club	
B	In Highfield town centre	
C	Next to the football club	
D	Near Highfield Dogs Home	

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The **main** purpose of Text A is to:

Tick (✓) **one** box

(1 mark)

A	explain why the children's playground will be built on The Copse	
B	persuade Highfield Town Council to build a playground	
C	describe what The Copse looks like	
D	instruct cyclists on how to keep safe in The Copse	

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Which of the following statements from Text A is an **opinion**?

Tick (✓) **one** box

(1 mark)

A	Most of the trees are oak which is a useful material	
B	This site has been chosen because the trees are very old	
C	The loss of the woodland is unlikely to worry Highfield's residents	
D	Highfield Town Council is pleased to announce plans for a new children's playground	

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The writer of Text A says that the 'proceeds will go to charity'.

What does 'proceeds' mean in this context?

Tick (✓) **one** box

(1 mark)

A	Advance	
B	Goes before	
C	Progress	
D	Money collected	

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Look at the first paragraph in Text A.

Why are there commas before and after the phrase 'known locally as The Copse'?

Give **one** other example from the text of commas used for the same reason.

(2 marks)

Reason: _____ _____ _____
Other example: _____ _____ _____

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Explain how the following organisational features in Text A help the reader.

(2 marks)

Subheadings: _____ _____
Footnote: _____ _____

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What does the image in Text A suggest about the trees in The Copse?

(1 mark)

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Text B

You read the following comments in a discussion forum:

WE LOVE HIGHFIELD

Where residents air their views



Mary Jones posts:

They can't cut down The Copse! Don't they realise that trees keep us healthy by producing oxygen? Also, they absorb carbon dioxide, which is a greenhouse gas and contributes to global warming, so they're good for the environment too.



Samuel de Souza posts:

The noise of trees is really soothing when the wind is blowing gently and so exciting when it's wild and stormy. More importantly, trees muffle the noise that we'd hear from the motorway and Highfield Airport. Those are the noises we **don't** want to hear.



Daniel O'Connell posts:

I took this picture in The Copse this morning while I was walking my dog. It isn't scruffy, it's natural and untamed (The Copse, not my dog!). Where will dog walkers go if it's cut down? Where will people walk and ride their bikes? Children have been falling out of trees for millions of years - why grumble about it? It just teaches them to be careful!*



Unspoiled nature

* (See note from Admin below)



Asim Egwu posts:

What about the wildlife that depends on trees? Birds and insects live in them. Fungi and moss grow on them. Being old doesn't make them dangerous. Hollow trees provide cover for bats, owls and woodpeckers. Children love watching the local wildlife. How will they do this if we chop all the trees down? Just cut off the dead bits!



Ellie Spencer posts:

Global warming is a real threat. The shade from trees protects us from the sun's dangerous rays. The water which evaporates from their leaves reduces the temperature in towns. I'm sure the people in Birch Close could grow plants that don't need direct sunlight.

NB: Admin wishes to state that this is the writer's personal viewpoint and not one we support.

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In Text B, Mary Jones states that trees 'absorb carbon dioxide'.

What does 'absorb' mean in this context?

Tick (✓) **one** box

(1 mark)

A	Learn	
B	Take in	
C	Engage	
D	Captivate	

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According to Asim Egwu in Text B, which of the following activities do children enjoy?

Tick (✓) **one** box

(1 mark)

A	Growing plants	
B	Sunbathing	
C	Walking dogs	
D	Looking at wildlife	

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In Text B, which of the following is an example of **exaggeration**?

Tick (✓) **one** box

(1 mark)

A	I find the noise of trees really soothing	
B	Children have been falling out of trees for millions of years	
C	Global warming is a real threat	
D	Those are the noises we don't want to hear	

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According to Ellie Spencer in Text B, which of the following protects us from the sun's dangerous rays?

Tick (✓) **one** box

(1 mark)

A	The shade from trees	
B	Global warming	
C	Growing plants	
D	Water evaporating from leaves	

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Give **one** reason why admin have commented on Daniel's post in Text B.

(1 mark)

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Identify whether the following statements in Text B are **persuasive** or **descriptive**.

(2 marks)

The noise of the trees is really soothing when the wind is blowing gently: _____ _____
Don't they realise that trees keep us healthy by producing oxygen?: _____ _____

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Using Text B, give **two** reasons why The Copse may be important for wildlife.

(2 marks)

Reason 1: _____ _____
Reason 2: _____ _____

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Compare Text A and Text B.

Identify **two** similarities or differences about **The Copse**.

(2 marks)

Comparison 1: _____ _____
Comparison 2: _____ _____

END OF ASSESSMENT

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Level 1

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