

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE ESOL EXAMINATIONS

English for Speakers of Other Languages

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH

TRIAL TEST 8

Writing

45 minutes

Candidates answer on the question paper.
No additional materials are required.

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Time 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name and the name of your school at the top of this page.

Write your answer clearly in pen on the question paper.

When you have written your answer, please complete the questionnaire at the end of the question paper.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Your performance in this test will not be considered in connection with any examination.

Thank you for your help.

FOR EXAMINER'S USE

Part 2

This question paper consists of 3 printed pages, 2 lined pages and 3 blank pages.

Part 2

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **280 – 320** words in an appropriate style on the opposite page.

- 1 You work as a reporter on your local newspaper. You were recently invited to a production of a play staged by your local amateur dramatic society. Write a review, briefly describing what impressed you most about the production. As the society is under threat of closure, evaluate what it contributes to the community and justify why it deserves both financial and other types of support.

Write your **review**.

Question 1

It would be impossible to believe that a bunch of amateur actors, directed by a middle-aged ~~teacher~~ of school Literature teacher, could ~~add~~ add much ~~novice~~ to the art of drama. Yet those who have been to the premiere of 'Romeo and Juliet', ^{staged} performed by the local Fine Drama Club, will know otherwise. By the end of the play the audience was standing, ^{and it seemed that the} ~~deafening~~ the ~~app~~ small performance hall ~~was nearly exploding~~ in the old would explode from all the applause.

~~The famous~~ Shakespeare's famous play ~~was~~ given a ~~brand~~ ^{brand} new approach to Shakespeare's famous masterpiece, creating a unique, absorbing atmosphere. The viewers were on the edge of their seats, shivering with tension for the whole 2 hours of the play lasted. Apparently the familiar story ~~to~~ abandoned its medieval ~~flask~~ ^{flask}, instead ~~being transferred~~ transcending times and spaces to happen in the twentieth century. To the modern incarnations of the star-crossed lovers, the ^{framed with} stunning performance ~~and the~~ creative modernist style completely ~~fulfilled~~ ^{fulfilled} & helped convey the message of ~~love~~ both true love and free ~~to~~ ^{act} being timeless.

Such ~~skill~~ and talent are as ~~those~~ ^{that} of the actors, and such skill as the director's are ^{most certainly} ~~definitely~~ not to be sneered ^{at} upon. Unfortunately, as of today,

The Fine Drama Club ~~may~~ may cease to exist due to ~~the~~ insufficient financing and lack of essential equipment. Undeniably, this would be a great loss for the community, for not only does this group of enthusiasts provide ~~a~~ us with opportunities for cultural recreation, ~~and~~ but they also offer an educational activity for ~~high school kids, and students~~ taking their eyes and minds off computer screens, ~~and I therefore~~ ~~s. I don't believe that, unless the town authorities~~ I thus believe that, ~~unless the town authorities~~ ~~and~~ as long as ~~be~~ the community representatives in the town hall don't want these people's talents to be wasted, attention should be paid to their needs. ~~A little that small ^{house} palace of art they have created in our chaotic world is worth pro.~~ The small ~~castle~~ palace they have created for high art to thrive in the midst of our chaotic, rushing world is definitely worth protection so that it can be turned into a mighty fortress where the seeds once planted will grow, bloom and come to fruition.

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You may use this blank page to write notes, or, if necessary, to finish your answer to the Part 2 question.

It would be impossible to believe that a bunch of high school ^{amateur} ^{actors} and university students, directed by a middle-aged ~~once~~ ^{former} ~~teachers~~ and high school and university students, directed by a middle-aged French teacher of Literature, could add much novice to the art of drama - yet those who have been to ~~these~~ performance 'Romeo and Juliet', - performed by the local Fine Drama society, will know ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the previous Sunday, will know otherwise.