

Draft - subject to accreditation and change

Paper Reference(s)

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Edexcel GCSE

URDU

Writing in Urdu

Time: 1 hour

Materials required for examination

Nil

Items included with question papers

Nil

GCSE URDU

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Possible writing tasks (Media and Culture)

Task 1

A Pakistani friend has asked you to write a short article for their school magazine about what it is like to be a teenager in Britain today. You could include information about the following:

- some details about your life and interests
- what you have done with friends recently
- what young people are interested in
- *the difficulties of being a teenager in Britain*
- *how adults perceive teenagers*
- your hopes for the future

Task 2

You have been asked to write an article about your favourite TV programme in Urdu.

You should include details on the following:

- name and type of programme
- when and on which channel is it on
- who appear in the programme
- why you like it
- what changes you would like to see
- which other programmes you watch

Task 3

You have recently attended an Asian wedding in Britain. Write a letter to a friend in Pakistan about this wedding.

You will need to include the following:

- where and when the wedding took place
- how young people participated in the wedding
- whether or not you liked the food and why
- what you would like to do at your own wedding
- which traditions and customs were observed
- *how western culture has influenced Asian weddings*

Possible writing tasks (Sport and Leisure)

Task 1

You have a week off school. You decide to write a blog for your Urdu speaking friends, telling them about each day. Make each day different! For example:

- Day 1: why you have a week off school
- Day 2: what you did at home
- Day 3: what you did in town
- Day 4: *a quiet day, when you didn't see any friends (maybe you found it boring?*
- Day 5: your plans for the weekend

Task 2

Your school has recently started keep fit classes for parents. Your PE teacher has asked you to produce a brochure for Urdu speaking parents.

It can include details on the following:

- purpose of introducing these classes
- place, day and time of the classes
- list of available activities
- benefits of regular exercise
- why it is important to keep fit
- *what a healthy life style is*

Task 3

Write an imaginary magazine interview with an Urdu speaking sports personality.

You will need to briefly introduce the personality and include questions and answers about him or her. You may refer to some of the following:

- early life and passion for sport
- main achievements
- leisure interests and activities
- family life – marriage, children etc
- views on fashion, politics etc
- future intentions

Possible writing tasks (Travel and Tourism)

Task 1

You are on work experience at your local tourist information office. You have been asked to create a web page in Urdu to encourage more people to visit the area.

Include details about the following:

- location
- travel
- shopping
- restaurants
- accommodation
- places of interest
- why people should visit your area

Task 2

You have recently spent three weeks in Pakistan. Write an article for a magazine in Urdu about your visit.

You should mention the following details:

- how you travelled to Pakistan
- description of a major city you visited
- what you saw and did there
- whether you enjoyed your trip or not, and why
- where you are going to go on holiday next year

Task 3

You are on work experience at a local community centre and have been asked to produce a short leaflet for its Urdu speaking members about a planned weekend trip to Blackpool.

You will need to include the following:

- dates and days of the trip
- travel arrangements
- hotel rooms and other facilities
- catering arrangements
- leisure activities

Possible writing tasks (Business, Work and Employment)

Task 1

While on a work placement in Pakistan, you are asked to email a hotel with details of a conference that your company is organising.

You need to include the following details:

- the number and name of delegates and their job titles
- the dates of the conference at the hotel
- *give details of the company and what the conference is about*

You need to ask for the following information:

- details of transport links to and from the airport and train station
- a map of the town
- what other facilities are available at the hotel

Task 2

You have recently finished some work experience. Write an article in Urdu about it.

You will need to include the details on:

- what kind of job you did
- how long you did the job
- the people you worked with
- what you liked and/or disliked, and why
- what you are planning for future career

Task 3

While on work experience at a superstore, your manager has asked you to write a leaflet in Urdu to attract Urdu speaking members of the community.

It should include the following:

- location of the store
- opening hours
- range of products including Asian provisions
- special offers
- facilities e.g. free parking, play area, restaurant etc