**Year 11 Revision Pack: Writing Questions**

* Around a THIRD of your English Language exam grade will come from the Writing Task: Of Mice and Men (16marks) + Of Mice and Men (24 marks) + Writing Question (24 marks).
* It is essential to build up your exam stamina by practising in timed conditions. Your punctuation needs to be controlled, sophisticated and used for effect. See the Key Skills of the Faculty website if you are still unsure on apostrophe use as this will cost you marks.
* Read **each word** in the question carefully and adapt your style depending on your audience.

**A perfect answer will have…**

* A **gripping** opening line.

**Rhetorical** **question**.

Would you like to be fitter, stronger and faster?

or

**Alliteration**

Super, sporty students…

or

**A short sharp opinion**.

Sports. Yuk. If you’re anything like me….

* At least four main ideas, divided into paragraphs as you see fit. Experiment with paragraph length too.
* Use alliteration, rhetorical question, emotive language, statistics, simile, metaphor, tripling and exaggeration to make your writing interesting.
* A closing paragraph that sums up your main ideas and **links** to the opening line. E.g. If your opening line is ‘Anti-social behaviour makes me sick. Your closing line could be ‘If you want to stop me feeling sick – stop being antisocial!’
* Vary sentence lengths! Choose **powerful** vocabulary.

**Revision Tasks.**

**Practise each of the tasks below in timed conditions. Read, plan, set timer for 25 minutes and get writing!**

1. Your school is inviting entries for a writing competition. The topic is ‘Dangerous sports are selfish, often putting others at risk and should be discouraged.’ Write your entry, arguing for or against this point of view.
2. There is evidence that many young people are not eating well or exercising. This is damaging their health. Write an article for *Living Today* magazine which persuades young people to improve their diet and lifestyle.
3. Some people think it’s wrong that members of the public are allowed to be humiliated in talent shows by celebrity judges. Write an article for a magazine in which you argue for or against this idea.
4. Write an opening for a speech, persuading people to donate money to a famous charity.
5. Write an entry for a blog describing your favourite time of year and explaining why you like it.
6. A website called *The Best and Worst* is asking for contributions. Write an entry for it that describes the best meal you have ever had and the worst. Explain the reasons for your choice.
7. Write a speech opposing the view that most young people are involved in anti-social behaviour. The speech is to be given at a meeting of the local community and students from the area.
8. Describe an event that has had a big impact on you and your life.
9. Write a letter to your friend explaining why you would like him or her to join you in a visit to a place you think is special.
10. Write an article for a newspaper in which you argue your view about what makes a good role model.