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Key skills communication Level 4 - Working parents

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Question Paper

YOU NEED

- This question paper
- The source booklet
- An answer booklet
- A pen with black or blue ink

You may NOT use a dictionary

Do NOT open this paper until you are told to do so by the supervisor

THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO THIS TEST

Part A (total 26 marks) consists of 3 short-answer questions

Part B (total 24 marks) consists of 1 extended-answer question

Total marks available: 50

Try to answer ALL the questions

YOU HAVE 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES INCLUDING READING TIME

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure your personal details are entered correctly in the answer booklet
 - Read each question carefully
 - If you use extra paper, make sure that it has your name and candidate number on it and is securely attached to your answer booklet
 - At the end of the test, hand your answer booklet, the question paper, the source booklet and all notes to the supervisor
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REMEMBER: YOU HAVE 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES TO FINISH THE TEST

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Part A - Short-answer questions

Read Documents 1 to 5 and then answer the questions that follow

- Document 1 'Working mothers "find more child time"', BBC News website, 27 October 2000
- Document 2 Extracts from *About Time: Flexible Working*, the report of the Work and Parents Taskforce, chaired by Sir George Bain, Department of Trade and Industry, 20 November 2001
- Document 3 'The three lives of women', edited version of an article by Jeanette Winterson, *The Guardian*, 12 July 2002
- Document 4 Edited extract from *More Secrets of Happy Children* by Steve Biddulph, Thorsons, 1999
- Document 5 Edited extract from the National Family Parenting Institute response to a Department of Trade and Industry consultation, February 2001

In this section you will be given marks for:

- evaluating and synthesising information from different sources
- communicating relevant information with accuracy, effectively using a form, structure and style that suits your purpose

- 1 Identify two main viewpoints expressed in Document 3 and consider to what extent the writer's choice of language and style furthers these viewpoints.

6 marks

- 2 To what extent does the information expressed in Documents 1 and 2 support or challenge the facts and opinions expressed in Document 4?

8 marks

- 3 Document 4 appeared as an article in a parenting magazine. Using Documents 1, 2 and 3, write a letter, to be published in the magazine, making a persuasive case for women combining a career with childcare responsibilities.

For this task, your address will be 15 Hall Lane, Keytown, Essex.
You will be sending your letter to The Editor, Raising Children Magazine,
Pen Street, Bilston, Lancashire. Your letter must be no more than
400 words in length.

12 marks

Please go on to the next page

Part B - Extended-answer question

In this section you will be given marks for:

- organising and clearly presenting relevant information, illustrating what you say in ways that suit your purpose, subject and audience
- varying your use of vocabulary and grammatical expression to convey particular effects, enable fine distinctions to be made, achieve emphasis and engage the audience.

- 4 You work in the Human Resources Department of a large company which prides itself on responding to the needs of its staff and the community as a whole, as well as to its shareholders.

Following the publication of the Bain report (Document 2) and the need to introduce a new policy on flexible working, you have been asked to write a report for inclusion in the staff magazine. It should consider the advantages and disadvantages of a family-friendly policy for

- the company
- the parent
- the child

Base your report on the information and opinions in the documents.

24 marks

End of test