Solutions

Marking: **B1** one mark for each correct point; writing tasks are marked by levels for **Content** (task points covered and developed, right register for the reader) and **Language** (range, accuracy, organisation).

Each answer shows the evidence or plan, then the **result**.

2.1

- precise vocabulary and a sense (sound, smell, sight), e.g. **"The market buzzed with bargaining voices, and the smell of roasting chestnuts drifted between the stalls."**

2.2

- e.g. **"When did you last spend a whole evening without looking at a screen?"**

2.3

- e.g. **"So why not give one Saturday a month? You might be surprised how much you get back."**

2.4

- the **rule of three** (a list of three)

3.1

C: advice, the rule of three and a question to the reader

3.2

(a) an engaging hook; a final sentence aimed at the reader; both lively and accurate

(b) Content (6): 5–6 all points covered and developed, an engaging title and opening, the reader addressed directly, a strong ending; 3–4 all points covered, some attempt to engage; 1–2 a point missing or written like a list. Language (6): 5–6 lively, varied vocabulary and sentences, accurate, well paragraphed; 3–4 some range, errors do not block meaning; 1–2 simple language, frequent errors.

Model (153 words):

My Secret Lake

Have you ever found a place so quiet that you can hear your own heartbeat? Mine is Crane Lake, an hour's bus ride from the city.

The lake sits in a ring of pine trees, its water so still that it mirrors the mountains perfectly. In the early morning, mist floats across the surface, and herons wade silently in the shallows. The only sounds are birdsong and the soft slap of water against the old wooden jetty.

This place matters to me because it was where my grandfather taught me to fish. He was a patient teacher, and those long, peaceful mornings are some of my happiest memories. Whenever life feels too busy, I come back here to think.

If you visit, go early, bring a picnic and leave your phone in your bag. Sit on the jetty and listen. I promise the lake will stay with you for ever.