

IGCSE English

Name: _____ Score: _____

1. You write to your head teacher. Which opening is best?

- ☐ Hey, what's up?
- ☐ Dear Mr Lee, I am writing to ask about...
- ☐ Hi!! I wanna ask u sth

2. Each paragraph should contain...

- ☐ as many ideas as possible
- ☐ one main idea
- ☐ no ideas at all

3. Using the same easy words again and again earns the most marks.

- ☐ True ☐ False

4. You should write to a friend and a teacher in the same way.

- ☐ True ☐ False

5. Choose a result word: 'It rained, _____ we stayed inside.'

6. Use _____ to avoid repeating a word (words with the same meaning).

7. Choose a contrast word: 'I like tea. _____, I prefer coffee.'

8. Which TWO of these are contrast linkers?

- ☐ although
- ☐ however
- ☐ also
- ☐ therefore

Tick every correct option.

9. Before you finish writing, you should...

- ☐ hand it in immediately
- ☐ check for small mistakes

☐ add more pages

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1. **Dear Mr Lee, I am writing to ask about...**

A head teacher needs formal, polite language.

2. **one main idea**

One main idea per paragraph keeps it clear.

3. **False**

No — show a range and use synonyms.

4. **False**

No — the register changes with the reader.

5. **so**

'So' shows the result of the rain.

6. **synonyms**

Synonyms are words with the same meaning.

7. **However**

'However' shows contrast between two ideas.

8. **although; however**

'although' and 'however' turn the idea around; 'also' adds, 'therefore' concludes.

9. **check for small mistakes**

Checking can save several marks.