

Writing

Part 1 Essay

You have 30 minutes to write an essay. Write 220–280 words.

You have been discussing the topic of fashion in your class. Your tutor has asked you to write an essay on the following:

Some people say that fashion stores should not sell cheap clothing which does not last long. However, others argue that it is a good thing that everyone can afford to follow the latest fashions.

Which opinion do you agree with?

Your essay must include at least **two** of the following ideas:

- impact on businesses
- impact on consumers
- impact on the environment.

Organize your essay clearly, introducing the topic, providing support for the points you make, and giving a conclusion.

Write your **essay**.

Part 2 Summary

You have 20 minutes to write a summary. Write 80–100 words.

You have been learning about an aspect of the weather for a college course. You have read a textbook extract and attended a lecture and now your tutor has asked you to write a summary of the main ideas for your classmates to read.

Write **one** paragraph, combining information from the textbook extract and the lecture transcript to summarize the **main ideas**. Your summary should provide the reader with enough information to understand the main ideas from both texts.

Write full sentences, using **your own words** where possible. Do **NOT** write more than 100 words.

Textbook extract

In our earlier case study showing how Storm Desmond affected the Lake District in December 2015, the record rainfall was caused by a slow-moving weather front passing over northern England. Weather fronts are the forces behind spells of bad weather in the UK, and they can be divided into three main types. When a warm air mass meets and rises over a cooler mass of air, this is called a warm front. Warm fronts are often followed by cold fronts, in which cold air replaces and pushes up warmer air. At some point, the cold front is likely to catch up with the warm front and this is known as an occluded front. Although the effects of weather fronts are rarely as severe as those seen in the Lake District in 2015, such extreme weather is occurring more frequently than it used to as a direct result of climate change.

Lecture transcript

'Have any of you ever wondered why British weather can change so much from one day to the next? Or even hour by hour? Well, we can blame the constantly changing nature of our weather on areas of high and low pressure, and by pressure I mean the force of the atmosphere on the earth's surface. Areas of low pressure are called depressions, and they bring with them the weather fronts which we are so familiar with in the form of dark clouds and sudden changes in wind and temperature. Of course, the weather isn't always poor here. We often have periods of hot, sunny weather in the summer, or cold days in the winter with clear bright skies – these much calmer conditions appear when an anti-cyclone, or area of high pressure, is nearby.'

Glossary

case study something you read about as an example of an idea or theory you are learning about

mass a large amount of something

spell a period when a particular type of weather lasts

Write your **summary**.