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ENGLISH LANGUAGE **1123/21**

Paper 2 Writing **May/June 2026**

2 hours

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer Question 1.
  - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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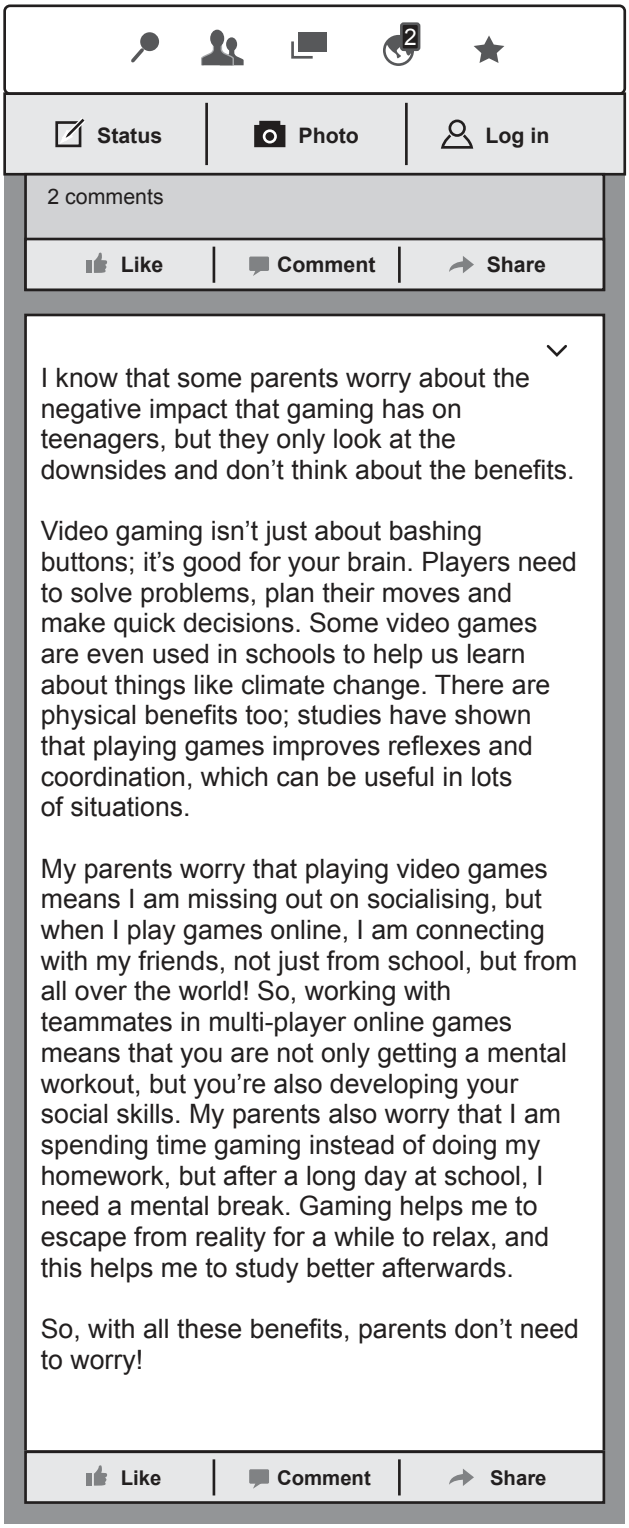
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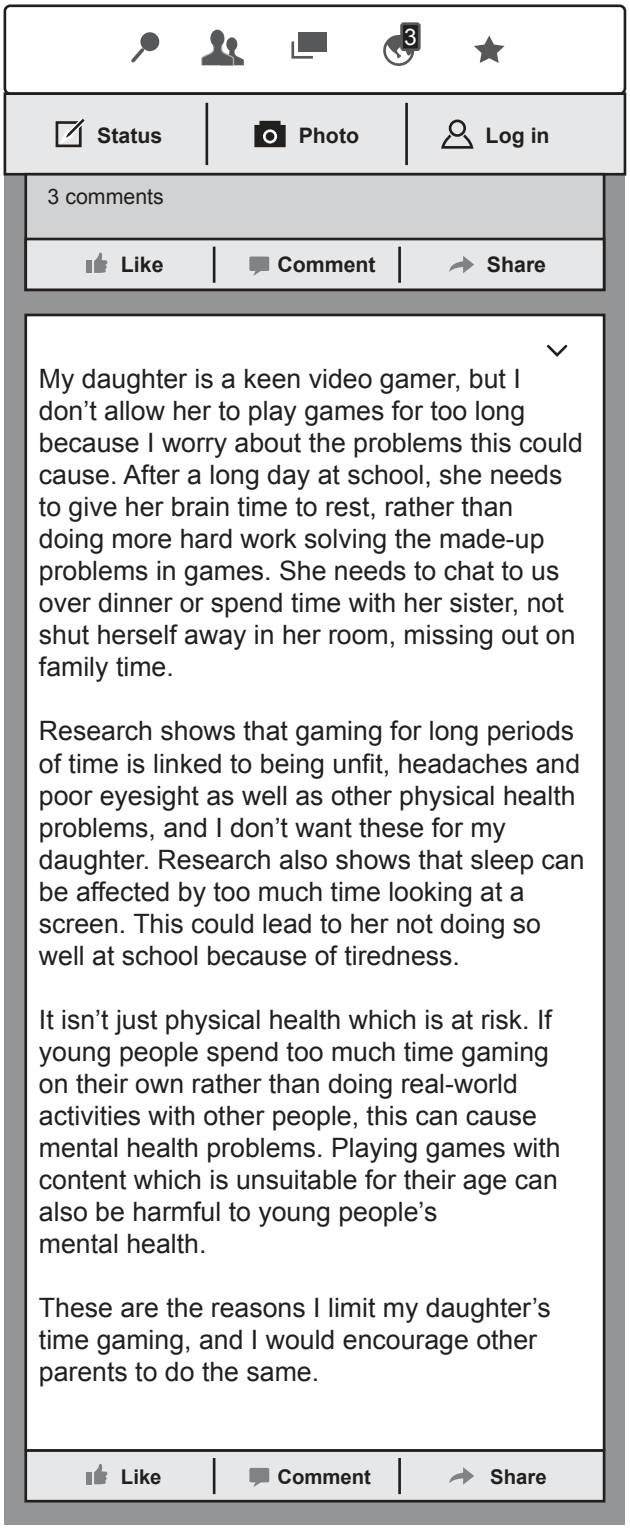
Section A: Directed Writing

Read **both** texts and answer **Question 1**.

Text 1: A teenager's view on video gaming



Text 2: A parent's view on video gaming



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Question 1

You feel strongly about the impact of playing video games on young people. After reading two blog posts, you decide to write an article for your school magazine, giving your views on how video gaming impacts young people.

Write your **article** for the school magazine.

In your article, you should:

- evaluate the ideas and opinions in **both** texts
- give your own views about how video gaming impacts young people, based on what you have read in the texts.

Base your article on what you have read in **both** texts but be careful to use your own words.

Address both of the bullet points.

Begin your article with a suitable heading.

Write about **250** to **350** words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing. [25]

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Section B: Composition

Answer **one** question.

Write about **350** to **450** words on **one** of the following questions.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer and up to 15 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

EITHER

Descriptive writing

2 Describe the scene on a busy street during a popular festival. [25]

OR

Descriptive writing

3 Describe the scene at a shopping centre in the middle of the day **and** when it is about to close. [25]

OR

Narrative writing

4 Write a story in which, by mistake, you open a letter addressed to someone else and get a pleasant surprise. [25]

OR

Narrative writing

5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'This opportunity is too good to miss; we have to take it!' [25]

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