**Multiple-choice with a difference**

You know how multiple-choice quizzes work: there is a question, followed by four possible answers and you have to say which is the correct one. The secret of a good multiple-choice question lies in the answers. Usually, one answer can be ruled out straight away – it’s plain wrong or is there to raise a smile. A second answer is possible, but unlikely. That leaves two answers and the trick is to make both of them very possibly correct, although of course only one of them is. Look at the following example.

Question:

Section B of the exam has two writing questions. How long should you spend on each?

Answers:

A: There’s no time limit
B: 35 minutes on the first, 25 minutes on the second
C: 25 minutes on the first, 35 minutes on the second
D: 30 minutes on each

Your task is to set a quiz on the English exam. You can use the question above and aim to come up with a further nine questions (and the answers!).

You could set questions on:

- what markers are looking for in each of the sections or questions
- mark allocations for questions
- timing
- skills that have to be used in particular questions

or any other aspect of the exam.

Remember to use the guide to writing good questions and answers above, and when you have completed your quiz, give it to a friend to complete.