

Transactional Writing

Hope you're still having a good holiday...!

Transactional writing is part of Paper 2 (the Writing Paper – along with *King Lear* and *The Native Commissioner*). Your instruction for that section of the exam will look as follows:

TRANSACTIONAL WRITING: SHORT PIECES

Answer TWO of the following questions. **You must answer one of the choices for question 4 AND one of the choices for question 5. (either 4.1. or 4.2. and then either 5.1. or 5.2.)**

The body of your response should be approximately 250 — 300 words in length. Remember to pay attention to the **register** and **purpose** of your text.

Here are some examples to practise:

Choose either 1.1 or 1.2 (informal):

1.1 Imagine you are Sam Jameson. You have taken a couple of days off work to get away, on your own, so that you can think about the discoveries you have made about your parents and their past. Write a letter to your wife, trying to explain to her the effect all this has had on you, and what you plan to do with the information you have uncovered.

OR

1.2 You find yourself falling in love with a colleague at the office. Write an email to this colleague, casually inviting her to accompany you to a work function. Be careful of being inappropriate by giving away your true intentions, but try to be irresistible.

AND THEN, choose either 2.1 or 2.2 (formal):

2.1 Imagine you are Kent. Prior to dividing his kingdom between his daughters, King Lear asks you for a detailed report of the state of the nation. You will need to address social, economic and political issues. (You are free to fabricate this information!)

OR

2.2 Choose one of your friends, and then write the glowing letter of recommendation that you would hope Mr Hamilton would write for this friend, at the end of 2010.