

TIE EXAM B2-C2 CANDIDATE'S LOGBOOK

Part 1: Candidate's Personal Information	
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Part 2: Candidate's Preparation

Investigation

- **2.1 Summary:** Provide a summary of your Investigation (B2, C1, C2: minimum 200 words).
- **2.2 Questions:** Answer 3 questions about your Investigation in 50-100 words per question (all levels).

News Story

- **2.3 Summary:** Provide a summary of your News Story (B2: approx. 150 words, C1: approx. 200 words, C2: approx. 250 words).
- **2.4 Questions:** Answer 3 questions about your News Story in 50-100 words per question (all levels).

Book

- **2.5 Summary:** Provide a summary of your Book (B2: approx. 150 words, C1: approx. 200 words, C2: approx. 250 words).
- **2.6 Questions:** Answer 3 questions about your Book in 50-100 words per question (all levels).

2.1: Investigation

Provide a summary of your Investigation (B2, C1, C2: minimum 200 words).

Investigation Title: Serena Williams



Serena Williams is a famous tennis player from the United States. She was born on September 26th, 1981, in Michigan. Serena began playing tennis when she was very young. She and her sister, Venus, were introduced to tennis by their father, who coached them together from an early age.

As Serena grew up, her talent for tennis grew. She practised hard and quickly achieved success in the tennis world. Serena is known for her powerful shots and strong serve, which helped her win many major tennis championships. For example, the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and the US Open. She has won more Grand Slam titles than

any other modern female tennis player.

As well as being a great athlete, Serena is also passionate about fairness and equality in sports. She has used her fame to speak out about important issues, especially those affecting women in sports. For example, she faced a lot of criticism for wearing unusual outfits during games. However, many people saw her as a fashion icon. Her love of fashion led her to a successful career as a fashion designer.

All in all, Serena Williams is an impressive example to young people. Her accomplishments show what you can achieve through talent and hard work.

2.2: Questions

Answer 3 questions about your Investigation in 50-100 words per question (all levels).

1. Why did you choose to investigate this topic?

I am a huge tennis fan, in fact I used to play when I was younger, and I have always admired Serena Williams. I used to watch her matches when I was a child. She is a great player but she is also an interesting person and very passionate about some social issues too, for example the pay difference between male and female tennis players.

2. What is the most surprising thing you have learnt from your investigation?

The most surprising fact I learned is that Serena was criticized a lot for the clothes she wore when she was playing matches. She wore quite unusual and fashionable outfits for games and some people thought this was a negative thing. However, I think it's a good thing for sports people to show their individuality through their clothes and appearance.

3. Which part of the investigation would you like to share with your friends?

The part I would like to share with my friends is that Serena and her sister Venus competed against each other a lot in tennis; however they have stayed very close and have a really good relationship. I think it's inspiring because we should all remember that healthy competition is important. You can compete with someone in sport, or in any other area of life, and still have a good, respectful relationship.

2.3: News Story

Provide a summary of your News Story.

(B2: approx. 150 words, C1: approx. 200 words, C2: approx. 250 words)

Title: Danish Man Visits Every Country Without Flying

Source: <https://newsforkids.net/articles/2023/09/07/danish-man-visits-every-country-without-flying/>
(accessed 7th September 2023)



Torbjorn "Thor" Pedersen, a man from Denmark, achieved something amazing. He travelled to every country on Earth without using an airplane. This adventure took him almost 10 years, and he covered thousands and thousands of miles.

Thor created some rules for his trip. These rules included no flying, no going back home, and having to stay in each country for at least one day. Thor could only spend \$20 every day. In the beginning, he went to Europe and North America, and he found that part of the journey quite easy to manage.

But when he travelled to other parts of the world, things got much harder. To cross seas and oceans, he had to travel by boat, in all kinds of weather. Thor used all kinds of transportation like taxis, buses, trains, and even walking. Sometimes, he didn't even have a place to sleep!

Thor faced difficult times, for example being threatened with a gun, or getting very sick with malaria. But he also met kind people, and even got married to his girlfriend during his journey. Thor has now returned to Denmark, and he is planning to write a book about his adventures.

2.4: Questions

Answer 3 questions about your News Story in 50-100 words per question (all levels).

1. Why did you decide to read this news story?

I chose this news article because I enjoy travelling. I think it is amazing that someone visited every country in the world! I was inspired by Thor and his decision to not travel by plane. I think it is very important nowadays to avoid flying, because of all the problems it creates for the environment.

2. What has this news story taught you about life?

This news article has taught me that we can do anything if we want to! This man travelled around the whole world without much money, and I don't think many people are brave enough to do that. But this article showed me that anything is possible, and we just need to come up with an idea and believe in ourselves.

3. Why do you think other people should read this news story?

There are two reasons why I think other people should read this article. Firstly, because it was fun to read about Thor and his adventures. It's nice to read a news article that is not about a disaster or a problem, so other people would enjoy it. Secondly, this article made me think about the problem air travel causes for the environment, and how we should avoid flying during our travels to protect the environment.

2.5: Book

Provide a summary of your Book.

(B2: approx. 150 words, C1: approx. 200 words, C2: approx. 250 words)

Book Title: The Book Thief

Author: Markus Zusak



“The Book Thief”, by the Australian author Markus Zusak, published in 2005, is a historical novel.

The story is set in the Nazi Germany a year before the World War II started.

The reader follows the life of a young girl, Liesel, who, after the death of her young brother, goes to live with her new German foster parents, Rosa and Hans Hubermann. Hans develops a close relationship with Liesel and teaches her how to read first in her bedroom, and then in the basement of their house. Soon, Liesel develops a strong passion for books, and starts reading anything she can, even the books that the Nazi party is looking to destroy.

After Liesel recognises the power of reading, she begins to ‘steal’ books banned by the Nazis. She shares the power of language with her Jewish friend, Max, who is hidden in the little basement of her house by her foster parents. Liesel also starts writing her own stories about life.

2.6: Questions

Answer 3 questions about your Book in 50-100 words per question (all levels).

1. Describe your favourite character and explain why you like them.

Liesel is my favourite character in the book because of her dynamic personality. In the beginning, Liesel is traumatised not only by her separation from her mother, but also by the destruction caused by the war. As the story progresses, her love for reading helps her to mature. She develops into a fearless and determined young woman. Despite the danger, she steals books from the Nazi book burnings, and even from the mayor’s library.

2. Describe your favourite part of the story and explain why you liked it.

My favourite part of the story is the ending because it was completely unexpected. Liesel manages to survive the war and escape from death, eventually becoming a writer. In the last scene of the book, we learn that she got married, had children and grandchildren, and lived a happy life until the age of 90. In other words, the ending showed the triumph of life and knowledge against death and darkness.

3. What is the most important lesson you have learnt from the book?

The most important lesson I've learnt is that reading can be a great source of freedom, power and self-development. The characters in the book found strength in the books they read. We can apply this lesson in our lives. When we face a difficult time, a good book can give us a break from our issues. In some cases, it could even help us find a solution to our problems. That's why I think it is important that we read books, and encourage young people to do so, instead of just using social media, for example.