

TEST 2
WRITING

Part 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **220–260** words in an appropriate style. In the exam, write your answer **on the separate answer sheet provided**.

Tip Strip

Question 1:

- Read all the input and choose which two books to discuss in your essay. Think about reasons for and against each type of book you choose, with examples to support your views.
- Decide which type of book is most important for people to read, and why. Make sure your line of argument and examples support your conclusion.
- Remember to include a clear introduction to the topic of books and reading in general.
- You don't have to use the opinions given – you may have plenty of ideas of your own. If you do use them, don't use the words, just the ideas.
- Link your ideas clearly and coherently using a range of connectors and clear paragraphs.
- Use a range of language to explain and justify the points you want to make.
- Make your argument as interesting and persuasive as possible.

- 1 You have listened to a radio discussion programme about the importance of reading different kinds of books in modern society. You have made the notes below:

What type of book is most important to read nowadays?

- fiction
- history
- science

Some opinions expressed in the discussion:

'You learn a great deal about people by reading fiction, so it helps with relationships.'

'History is just a collection of facts – you can find out all you need to know on the internet.'

'It's important for everyone to know about science nowadays, but some ideas in books can be hard to understand.'

Write an essay discussing **two** of the points in your notes. You should **explain which type of book you think is most important** to read nowadays, **giving reasons** in support of your answer.

You may, if you wish, make use of the opinions expressed in the discussion, but you should use your own words as far as possible.