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Qualifying Examination for the Post of Correctional Officer within the Correctional Services Agency

June 2025

Subject: English

Date: 3rd June 2025

Time: 11:00 – 12:30 (One and a half hours)

This examination paper consists of TWO sections (Section A and Section B). Candidates are requested to attempt ALL sections and to read carefully the instructions within each section.

Write your answers in the space available on the examination paper.



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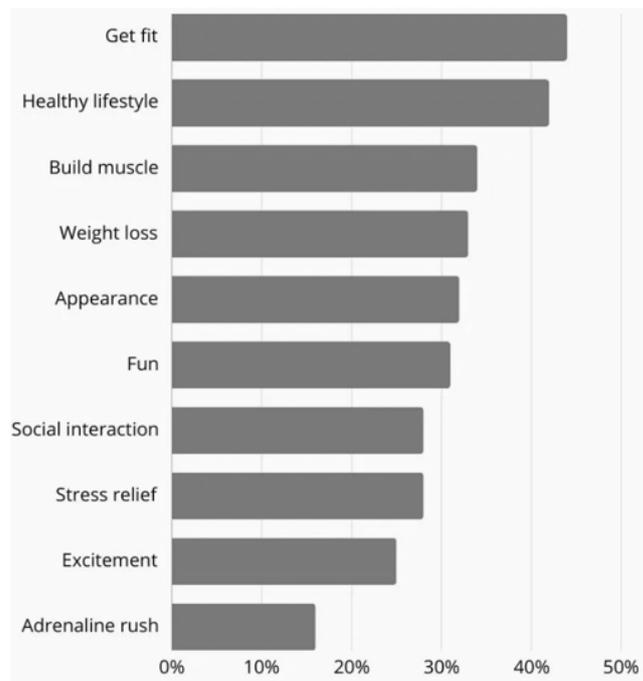
MON	7:30am	Spinning	FRI	10am	Body Conditioning
	10am	Step Aerobics		11am	Yoga
	6pm	Tums Burns & Thighs		6pm	Circuit Training
	7pm	Spinning		7pm	Dance fit
	8pm	Thai-Fit	8pm	Teen Fitness	
TUE	10am	Spin/Circuit	SAT	10am	Spin
	6pm	Circuit Training		11am	Relaxation
	7pm	Yoga			
	8pm	Thai-fit			
WED	10am	Step Aerobics	SUN	10am	Pilates
	6pm	Bodysculpt			
	7pm	Dance Fit			
	8pm	Relaxation			
THU	10am	Pilates			
	6pm	Barbell Pump			
	7pm	Thai-fit			
	8pm	Yoga			

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Survey – Top motivators for joining a gym



Adapted from: https://jobera.com/fitness-industry-statistics/#google_vignette

Section A: Reading

Task A1

(10 marks)

Read the text on page 2 and answer the questions which follow.

Look at the infographic and underline the correct answer.

5 marks

1. The infographic presents the reader with (information about, a description of, suggestions about) gym fitness classes at Coralline Fitness Centre.
2. One can attend any fitness class by (popping in, making a reservation, dropping by) at the gym.
3. The gym offers a yoga class in the evening (once, twice, thrice) weekly.
4. The schedule for the gym fitness classes (will, should, may) change.
5. Coralline Fitness Centre is offering a (substantial, moderate, small) discount on gym fitness classes.

According to the information provided in the Bar Chart, are the following sentences True (T) or False (F)?

Tick (✓) the correct answer below.

5 marks

		T	F
1.	The survey found that the strongest incentive for joining a gym is to follow a healthy lifestyle.		
2.	More respondents want to go to a gym to lose weight rather than to build muscle.		
3.	Hardly any of the respondents are motivated to go to a gym to meet other people.		
4.	Over 30% of respondents want to go to a gym to have fun.		
5.	Less than 30% of respondents consider feeling excited as a reason to go to a gym.		

Task A2

(40 marks)

Read the text below and answer all the questions that follow.

(A) _____

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In the centre of London's Soho in December 1969, the Reverend Ken Leech opened his first night shelter in the basement of his church to give homeless, young people a safe place to sleep. Towering over Soho was the Centre Point building, left vacant since being completed, to make money for property developers. Irritated by this "affront to the homeless", Ken Leech called his shelter Centrepont. In the 1970s, the charity expanded to take on a hostel and bedsits and their first housing pathway for young people out of homelessness took shape. Centrepont did not just focus on giving young people a bed for a night but, more importantly, a home where they can reclaim their future with the support of dedicated frontline workers.

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(B) _____

Chelsea went to Centrepont about three years ago at a time **that** she describes as “the lowest point of my life.” Beset by anxiety, at first Chelsea didn’t venture outside on her own. Then she started doing therapy classes and after working closely with her support worker, she gradually started to build strength and self-belief. “There were ups and downs, but I never felt alone.” A highlight for Chelsea was taking part in the Bradford Soapbox event, **where** teams build a soapbox cart and then race **it** around a track in the City Centre. “That really brought me out of my shell. I was very nervous about doing it when it was suggested. I thought if I can’t walk down to the shops, what makes you think I can run down the middle of Bradford in a Soapbox! But I did it and it was a great experience. Being with Centrepont has given me a lot more maturity and independence and made me realise that I can be who I want to be.”

(C) _____

With low hope for himself and **his** future, Jayden approached Centrepont about two years ago. “My self-esteem was at its lowest. All the staff have helped me so much. **They** provide all kinds of help with courses, getting into college, on an apprenticeship or a job – it’s a really big help for people like me.” Being in residential accommodation was a game-changer for Jayden - “not just because I met Chelsea, the love of my life, but also for the team building and making strong connections. I’m on the Soapbox team now and **we** are all genuinely fond of each other.”

(D) _____

Centrepont’s Partnering Membership scheme pulls together a network of over 100 organisations who help the charity to support almost 14,000 young people every year. His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales has been Centrepont’s Patron since 2005 - following in the footsteps of his mother, Princess Diana. He regularly visits Centrepont both publicly, but also privately, so he can meet and chat with the young people who are being supported. The charity runs over 60 accommodation services and helps young people through employability programmes, functional skills training and other learning initiatives. It also provides a helpline, and financial and legal advice while the Independent Living Programme provides young people with a home to call their own. All this is Centrepont’s solution to breaking the cycle of young homelessness for good.

Adapted from <https://centrepont.org.uk/about-centrepont/news-and-stories>

Underline the correct answer.

1. Which is the best title for the text? 1 mark
 - a. Ending drug addiction
 - b. Ending youth homelessness
 - c. Policing the city

2. The aim of the online text is to 1 mark
 - a. amuse and entertain.
 - b. argue and persuade.
 - c. narrate and inform.

3. The phrase 'affront to the homeless' (line 5 to 6) means 1 mark

- a. an outrage to the homeless.
- b. a front to the homeless.
- c. an insult to the homeless.

4. Below are the missing subheadings for the four paragraphs **A** to **D** in the text. Write the correct letter of each paragraph in the space below. One subheading is extra.

4 marks

Subheading	Paragraph
Sam's Story	
Centrepoint's Success	
Jayden's Story	
Centrepoint Shelter	
Chelsea's Story	

5. Match Column **A** with Column **C** by putting the correct letter (b to f) in Column **B**. The first one (**a**) has been done for you. 5 marks

	A	B	C
a.	over 60		when the Prince of Wales became Patron of Centrepoint
b.	1970s		when Reverend Ken Leech opened his first night shelter
c.	almost 14000		the number of organisations that help Centrepoint
d.	1969		when Centrepoint first widened its services
e.	100	a	the number of accommodation services
f.	2005		the number of young people helped annually

6. In your own words, explain how Centrepoint extended its focus in the 1970s. 2 marks

7. How was residential accommodation a game-changer for Jayden? 2 marks

11. What do the following words, found in bold in the text, refer to?

3 marks

that (line 12)	
where (line 17)	
it (line 17)	
his (line 24)	
They (line 25)	
we (line 29)	

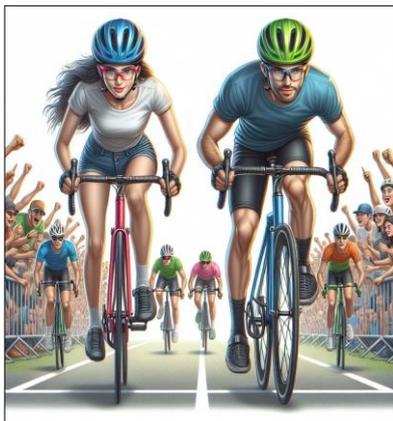
12. From paragraphs **B** and **C**, find **ONE** word which means:

3 marks

- a. go _____
- b. healing _____
- c. agitated _____
- d. the feeling of being proud of oneself _____
- e. learning a trade or job _____
- f. truly _____

13. After reading this article, which one of these video clips might interest the reader? Tick (✓) the correct answer.

1 mark



A



B



C

Task B2

(40 marks)

Write between 180 and 200 words on **ONE** of the titles below.

You are advised to

- pay attention to layout, paragraphing, vocabulary, grammar, spelling and punctuation
- keep your writing to the number of words indicated.

You will be penalised if you write less than 180 or more than 200 words.

- a. You have been invited to a dinner, organised by the social committee at your workplace. Write an email to Deborah Towns, the committee’s secretary, in which you respectfully decline the invitation to this event, explaining your reason while maintaining positive relationships with your colleagues.

Start your email by copying the details below.

From: marsmith@dmal.com
To: debbtowns@hr.com
Subject: Thank You for the Invitation – Regretfully Unable to Attend

OR

- b. As a newly recruited officer, you want to learn more about the support services, (e.g. healthcare benefits, discounts at commercial outlets etc.) offered to employees at your workplace. Write an email to your Human Resources Officer, Luca Butler, requesting information about the specific services and facilities provided for staff.

Start your email by copying the details below.

From: marktims@dmal.com
To: lucabutler@hr.com
Subject: Inquiry About Staff Services and Facilities

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