

Exam practice for Edexcel GCSE English Language Paper 2: travel writing

Here's a word cloud related to Mozambique:



What impression of Mozambique do you get from the words?

Read the text:

www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destinations/africa/mozambique/articles/Just-Back-sunrise-in-Mozambique/

Now answer the exam-style questions below:

1. From the first two paragraphs, identify two ways that life is hard for people in Mocimboa da Praia. (2 marks)
2. How does the writer use language to show the power of the sun? (lines 10-13)

Example from the text: (1 mark)

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How the writer uses language: (1 mark)

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In the exam, you will also have a question worth many more marks, assessing your understanding of language and structural techniques. To prepare for answering this question, practise finding some relevant details for comment:

3. Analyse how the writer uses language and structure to interest and engage the reader. Support your views with detailed reference to the text (15 marks)
 - a. Highlight four or five words or short phrases which interest and engage you (you are the reader). Try to get a variety of word classes (adjectives, metaphors, interesting words). What's their effect?
 - b. Note down two or three structural features which are interesting (short sentences, complex sentences, first person, the order of the ideas in the piece of writing). What's their effect?

Now have a go at answering question 3.

Travel writing

Write a piece of travel writing about a place that you have visited.

You could write about:

- the place: what it looks like, sounds like, smells like
- how it made you feel
- the other people there
- how it changes over a day

as well as any other ideas you might have.