

Student's Notes

First (FCE): WRITING

There are two parts to this paper, each of which carries the same number of marks. **Part 1** is a **COMPULSORY** essay, you are required to write between 140 and 190 words. **Part 2** has a choice of three tasks. You could be asked to write a report, article, review, or letter/email. You are expected to write between 140 and 190 words.

Find out before the test how many words you usually write on a line. If your average is ten words per line, write at least 14 lines ($10 \times 14 = 140$). Before you write, count 14 lines and make a mark so that you can see where you are aiming for. You will be **PENALISED** for not writing enough. You will not gain marks for writing over the word limit, so try to stay within the maximum number of words requested.

What is the examiner looking for? That you have read the question and included all the appropriate content. That it is written in the appropriate register, has good organization and a good variety of language and vocabulary.