

## Reading Task 1

Read these pages about the celebrity will.i.am.

**will.i.am**  
Music and Style Sensation

"MUSIC IS LIKE AIR TO ME. I HAVE TO DO IT TO SURVIVE... IT FILLS UP MY LUNGS WITH LOVELINESS."

■ Singer-songwriter, producer, performer, DJ, philanthropist and entrepreneur – will.i.am is a man of many talents. From life in the LA projects (USA) to hanging out with the President of the United States of America, his fame and fortune is a richly deserved reward for his hard work and determination.

**PROFILE**

**NAME:** William James Adams  
**BORN:** 15 March 1975  
**MOTHER:** Debra Cain  
**HOMETOWN:** Los Angeles, USA  
**SCHOOLS:** Palisades Middle School and Palisades High School, LA, USA  
**OCCUPATION:** Singer-songwriter, composer, record producer, voice actor, businessman, dancer, DJ, rapper, philanthropist  
**FAMOUS FOR:** The Black Eyed Peas, The Voice and working with countless mega stars

**That's Cool!**  
When he first saw his birth certificate at the age of 25, will.i.am learned that he had been named after his father. His mother had never met Adams. His mother told him, "That's not your dad... I'm your dad. That's a very powerful name that you have. You've utilized it. It's his fault that he didn't live up to that name."

Philanthropist – someone who helps other people

Entrepreneur – a business man

Answer the following questions.

1 When was will.i.am born? Tick the right answer.

[1 mark] AO1

15 March 1976

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15 April 1976

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15 March 1975

☐

12 April 1975

☐

2 Based on what you have read, do you think will.i.am deserves to be famous?

Give **two** reasons for your opinion.

[3 marks] AO4

Yes

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No

☐

Reason 1

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Reason 2

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**3 Do you like the way the information about will.i.am is presented on these pages?**

Choose one thing you like about the way the pages look and one thing you would want to change. Give reasons based on the pages.

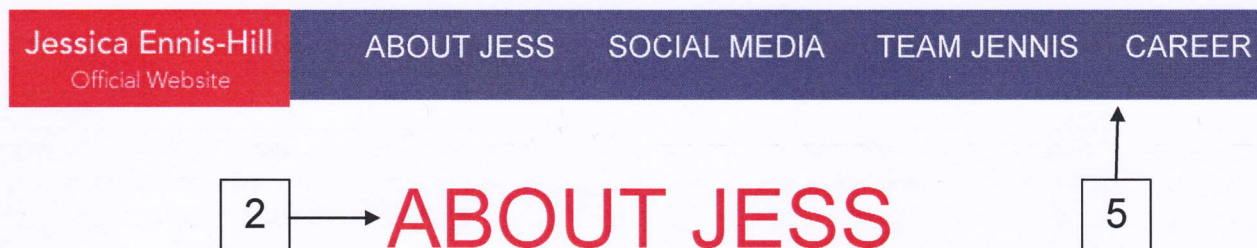
**[4 marks] AO4**

One thing you like	One thing you would change



## Reading Task 2

Look at this webpage about Olympic Champion Jessica Ennis-Hill.



Jessica was born in Sheffield on the 28th January 1986 to parents Vinnie and Alison. She has a younger sister called Carmel.

At a young age Jessica and her sister were introduced to athletics. In the school holidays they would attend local athletics camps. At the age of 13 Jessica had her first coaching session with Toni Minichiello. Shortly after she joined the City of Sheffield Athletics Club who she still represents today. Since 2000, Jessica's progression through the junior and youth competitions showed that she was a talent for the future.

Since University Jessica has been a full time athlete. After winning a bronze medal in the 2005 Commonwealth Games, she improved her scores and won Gold at the 2009 World Championships. Jessica's defining moment came at the London 2012 Olympics, where she cemented herself into the history books as Olympic Heptathlon Champion.

She still lives in Sheffield with her husband Andy, their son Reggie (born in July 2014) and chocolate labrador Myla.



Answer the following questions.

- 1** Look carefully at the webpage. It has been marked with numbers.

Write a description for each number. One has been done for you.

**[4 marks] AO1**

Number	Description
1	
2	
3	Paragraph describing Jessica's start in sport.
4	
5	

- 2** Give **two** facts that show Jessica is a top athlete.

**[2 marks] AO1**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 3** Give **three** things you have noticed about the way the information on the webpage has been presented.

**[3 marks] AO2**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Reading Task 3

Read this article about how to become a celebrity

#### **So you want to become a celebrity? You want to be famous?**

Well you can. In the past you had to have some special talent to become a celebrity. You had to be a great actor, sports person, or singer. This is still the case but now it is also actually possible to be famous without having a special talent.

How can this be? It is called being famous for being famous.

Being famous means that you are known to a large number of people. Nowadays that can be achieved fairly easily through the internet using sites such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.



Can you fold your tongue in a strange way? Can you make a weird noise? If you can't do something that requires talent, you must be able to do something that will make people smile or go 'Ugh, did you see that!?'

Once you have found your special thing, the internet can do the rest. Soon you will be famous – a celebrity.

What's the catch? Well you might end up being famous but not in a good way – and do you really want that?

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Answer the following questions.

- 1 Look at these statements and then tick true or false.

[5 marks] AO1

Statement	True	False
The writer is saying you don't need talent to be famous.		
The writer says the internet stops people becoming famous.		
You can be famous for doing something horrible.		
The writer is encouraging people to do horrible things.		
The writer is saying that in the past you needed talent to be a celebrity.		

- 2 Give **two** things the writer says you need to do to become famous if you don't have a special talent.

[2 marks] AO1

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_



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## Writing Task

Write a letter to your favourite celebrity.

Start by telling your chosen celebrity a bit about yourself and whether you would like to become famous too. Say why you are interested in them and ask them some questions about their life.

Remember to:

- plan your letter
- write carefully in sentences and paragraphs
- check your spelling
- think about who you are writing for.

**[24 marks] AO5 AO6**

Plan your letter here:

Who is the letter to?	
Introduce yourself	
Why you have chosen to write to them	
Questions to the celebrity	
Your dream of becoming famous (or why you would not want that)	
Wishing them well for the future	



**Write your letter here:**

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**END OF QUESTIONS**