Writing Section (30%)

Planning (15 minutes) – Writing (50 minutes)

- You are going to write an essay of between 300 to 350 words in response to the following question.

What are two major reasons why some young people do not learn to read or write?

- Before writing your essay, you have 15 minutes to write a plan on the opposite page.

- The box below lists some of the major factors that can cause illiteracy in young people. It is provided to help you generate and develop ideas for your essay. You may use some of the ideas in the box in your plan, but this is optional. You will be graded according to:
  - how clearly you explain your ideas,
  - how fully you develop your ideas,
  - your use of language

- Your notes will not be graded.

- You can refer to Turkey or any other country in your answer.

Factors that can cause illiteracy among young people

Economic factors: (Highest illiteracy rates: Africa, Asia, South America; Lowest illiteracy rates: Japan, Europe and North America)

- cost of schooling - for parents, for government
- availability of schools
- high unemployment - effect on motivation to study
- quality of schools - class size, course materials
- the need to work (inside and outside home)

Social / Cultural factors:

- girls marry very young
- attitude of teachers towards girls
- educational level of parents.
- attitude of parents to education.

*illiteracy = the inability to read or write