

This part of the exam consists of two tasks.

Task 1 (30 minutes) Listening

You are going to hear a short programme about the origins of the Open University in the United Kingdom.

While you are listening you should make notes, as you will have to do the following writing task based on the information in the programme.

You will hear the recording twice.

Audio: extract from [BBC video](#) about the origins of the Open University (from the beginning to minute 8:58).

Now you have 1 minute to read the writing task below before you listen.

Task 2 (60 minutes) Writing

You recently heard a radio programme on the beginnings of the Open University and have decided to write an article about it for an education blog you read regularly.

In your **article**, you should:

- outline the origins and mission of the Open University
- relate John Cowan's background and experience with the Open University
- evaluate the concept of online learning

Write a **minimum of 500 words**