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Task

The college where you study has funds available for an online subscription to newspapers and magazines. You decide to write a proposal to the College Principal recommending two publications the college should subscribe to. Your proposal should describe each publication, saying why a subscription would benefit students at the college. Your proposal should also explain which of the publications is the most useful, assuming there isn't enough money for both.

Proposal for subscriptions

I should like to recommend that the college subscribe to the following periodicals.

The Guardian

The first publication I should like to recommend is the UK daily newspaper, the Guardian. All the students at this college do at least one English course as part of their degree, and there are few better ways of keeping up and extending one's knowledge of language than reading a newspaper. Of all the quality British papers, the Guardian is the one I recommend we subscribe to because it has a good coverage of international as well as UK news. In addition, it has many feature articles which do not date in the way that news stories may and so are worth keeping hold for future study purposes.

The New Musical Express

The second periodical I would recommend is the New Musical Express. Most students here are interested in pop and rock music and enjoy the articles in this weekly publication whenever they have the chance. I am sure that a subscription to the NME would be very widely read. Although students could imagine they are simply reading for pleasure rather than study purposes, they would probably be acquiring as much language as they would from reading a textbook.

If there is only enough funding to subscribe to one of these publications, then I would opt for the Guardian, simply because it has a broader range of articles, dealing with the arts, fashion, sport and science, as well as political news, thus helping the maximum number of students with their language studies.

Notes

- **The writer deals with all the points required by the task :**
- **The proposal is clearly organized in paragraphs :**
- **The first paragraph / sentence clearly states the reason for writing :**
- **The writer uses a variety of sentence lengths and structures :**
- **The register is appropriately formal :**
- **Correct length : 259 words**
- **Language errors :**