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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer both **Section 1** and **Section 2**.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

This document consists of **3** printed pages and **1** blank page.



Section 1: Directed Writing

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this part: 30.

Task

Your aunt has written to you asking how you are getting on at school. You reply, telling her about a recent incident which upset you very much.

Write your **letter**. You **must** include the following:

- what happened
- why you were so upset
- how the situation was resolved.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make sure your Aunt will understand your feelings and sympathise with you. Start your **letter** 'Dear Aunt ...' and remember to provide a suitable ending.

Section 2: Creative Writing

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the head of your essay put the number of the topic you have chosen.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. Total marks for this part: 30.

- 1 Describe your favourite time of the year and explain what makes it special. (Remember that you are describing the characteristics of the time and not telling a story.)
- 2 'Many films are a bad influence on young people.' What is your view?
- 3 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'I could not believe how much the place had changed since last year.'
- 4 Trophies.
- 5 Write a story about an occasion when someone witnessed a very poor musical performance. (Remember that you should include full details of what is poor about the performance to show that it is an important part of your story.)

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