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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

For Examination from 2011

SPECIMEN 2 PAPER

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**.

NB: Remember that Section 1 and Section 2 of this paper are worth the **same** number of marks, so you should divide your time carefully between them.

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

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Section 1: Directed Writing

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words.

Total marks for this part: 30.

Task

You are a student and your Principal is retiring from your school. You have been asked to make a speech at a special assembly to thank your Principal for what he or she has done for the school **and** to wish your Principal a happy retirement.

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

- how long the Principal has been in charge **and** details of how successful the school has been during this time
- the personal qualities that have made the Principal so successful **and** one interesting story which demonstrates the Principal's character
- some ideas for what the Principal might do during retirement.

Cover all three points above in detail. Make sure in your speech that you are polite and informative for the Principal, the staff and the students. Start your speech 'Good morning, Principal, staff and students ...'.

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 two interesting and different buildings in your neighbourhood. You should describe their appearance and atmosphere and not just tell stories about what happens in them.
- 2 Is it better to have younger brothers and sisters or older ones? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 3 Write a story which starts **or** ends with the sentence: 'When I entered the room I expected the teacher to be very angry.'
- 4 Travel.
- 5 Write a story about a bus ride that had an unexpected ending.

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