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LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Writing

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2 hours

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer Question 1.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A: Shorter writing and reflective commentary

Question 1

You have just started learning a new skill. You have always wanted to learn this skill, but you never thought you would be able to. You decide to write a blog about your experience.

- (a) Write the text for your first blog entry, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, create a sense of enthusiasm for learning new skills. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set. [10]

Section B: Extended writing

Answer **one** question.

EITHER

Question 2

You recently saw an advertisement for a two-hour city walking tour called *Hidden Secrets*. You went on the tour last weekend. Write a review of this tour, which will be published on a travel website. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 3

Write a descriptive piece called *The Valley*. In your writing, focus on sound, colour and movement to help your reader imagine the scene. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 4

You are going to take part in a debate at school about whether children should be allowed to use social media before the age of 16. Your headteacher has asked you to open the debate by giving a speech on the topic. Write the text for your speech, discussing both points of view and creating a sense of interest in the debate. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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