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Paper 2 Writing

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No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **one** question from Section A **and one** question from Section B.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.



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Answer **one** question from Section A **and one** question from Section B.

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You should write between 600–900 words for each question.

Section A: Imaginative writing

- 1 Write a story which begins with the following sentence: *As soon as the train began to move away, I knew I had made a big mistake.* In your writing, create a sense of drama and suspense.
- 2 Write two contrasting pieces (300–450 words each), the first about having a meal at a restaurant, and the second about working in the kitchen of the same restaurant on the same evening. In your writing, create a sense of mood and place.
- 3 Write a descriptive piece called *The Storm*. In your writing, focus on sounds, light and movements to help your reader imagine the scene.

Section B: Writing for an audience

- 4 A national magazine is planning an edition about shopping. You have been asked to write an article called *How Shopping has Changed*, about how people's shopping habits have changed in the past twenty years. Write the article. In your writing, consider whether you feel these changes have been good or bad.
- 5 Some students from your school recently spent a week at a school in another place, as part of an exchange visit. Write two contrasting reviews of this experience (300–450 words each), which will be published in your school magazine. One of the reviews focuses on the success of the visit, and in the other review, the writer feels that the experience was less useful. In your writing, create a sense of the different experiences.
- 6 The director of a large company is about to retire. They will give a speech to the company employees on their last day at work about the challenges of the past and their hopes for the company's future. Write the text of the speech. In your writing, create a sense of the mood and emotions of the occasion.

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