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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.

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.

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

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

To celebrate the start of a special environmental project, a tree is being planted in your school grounds. As secretary of the project committee, you are to make a speech to mark the occasion in front of the Principal, guests, staff and students of the school.

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

- details of what the environmental project hopes to achieve
- why you think this project is important
- how your audience could support the project.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make sure your speech is enthusiastic and informative. Start your speech, 'Principal, guests, teachers and fellow 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 the **two** people who have helped you most during your extra-curricular activities. (Remember you are describing the people **and** the help they have given you, not just the activities.)
- 2** What changes would you like to see take place in your country in the next five years?
- 3** Write a story which includes the sentence: 'I could not believe it when my neighbour walked straight past me without saying a word.'
- 4** Memories.
- 5** Write a story about an unexpected arrival at the airport.

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