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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/31**

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

**May/June 2019**

**2 hours**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Reading Booklet Insert

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **two** questions in the space provided: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passage for use with **Question 1** in **Section 1** on the Question Paper.

The Reading Booklet Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **11** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

Read carefully the passage in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

**Section 1: Directed Writing**

**Question 1**

**Write a letter** to the website in response to the ideas in the article.

In your letter, you should:

- evaluate the different arguments given in the article
- explain how far you agree or disagree with the views in the article about the dangers **and** the benefits of time spent by young people in front of a screen.

Base your letter on what you have read in the article, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the bullet points.

Begin your letter: 'Dear Digital Trends ...'

Write about 250 to 350 words.

**Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing.**

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**Section 2: Composition**

**Questions 2 and 3**

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions. Answer on this Question Paper.

**Up to 13 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 12 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.**

**Descriptive Writing**

2 (a) Describe a familiar place at an unusual time or from a different point of view.

**OR**

2 (b) Describe what you see, hear and feel when you look up into the sky as day changes into night.

**Narrative Writing**

3 (a) Write a story which includes the words, 'I tried to stay calm'.

**OR**

3 (b) Write a story with the title, 'It's Now or Never'.

Please write your chosen question number here **(2(a), 2(b), 3(a) or 3(b))**: .....

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