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Cambridge Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

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.

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**.

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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

- 1** Your school has been given a sum of money in order to improve the school library. Your Principal has asked you, as a member of the Student Council, to write a report on the best way to spend this money.

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

- why the library needs improving
- what you think should be done first **and** why
- how students **and** the school would benefit.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your report informative and persuasive for the Principal.

Start your report 'To the Principal ...' and remember to add your signature and a date.

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.

Topics 2–6

- 2 Describe a public garden **or** a park at two different times of the day or year.
(Remember that you are creating an atmosphere and not just saying what happens there.)
- 3 Do you think that hard work is all that is needed to succeed in life? If not, what else might be needed? Give examples and reasons to support your view.
- 4 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'At first I paid no attention to the strangely dressed old woman standing near the statue.'
- 5 Holidays.
- 6 Write a story about a time when you felt completely helpless but were saved at the last moment.

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