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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** In your school grounds, there is some land which is not used at the moment. One idea is to make it a quiet garden where students can relax during school break times. The Principal asks you to find out what the students think of this idea **and** to suggest other ways of using this land. The Principal asks you to write a report about the best use for the piece of land.

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

- what students think about having a quiet garden
- what other ideas students have for using the land **and** why
- which of all the ideas you would choose **and** how students could help to achieve this.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make sure your report is polite and informative. Start your report 'To the Principal' and remember to supply a signature and 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 the effects of different types of weather on your neighbourhood. (Remember to describe the effects on people as well as on the surroundings.)
- 3** What are the advantages **and** disadvantages of being part of **either** a large **or** small family? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4** Write a story which includes the sentence: 'I don't want any argument about this; we are going to see him now and that's final.'
- 5** Water.
- 6** Write a story in which an unexpected guest arrives at a wedding.

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