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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/23

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

October/November 2022

2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 Section A: answer Question 1.
 Section B: answer **one** question.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

This document has **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Read Text A and Text B in the insert and then answer **Section A, Question 1** on this question paper.

Section A: Directed Writing

Question 1

Imagine that you are a student at another school in the same district as Champion School. Your school is considering whether to follow the same plan as Champion School or not.

Write a speech to give to a meeting of parents and teachers from your school about why all-year-round schooling would **not** be a good idea.

In your speech you should:

- evaluate the ideas, attitudes and opinions about all-year-round schooling given in the texts
- explain your concerns about changing to all-year-round schooling and how it would affect parents, teachers and the wider community.

Base your speech on what you have read in **both** texts, but be careful to use your own words. Address both of the bullet points.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 25 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Section B: Composition

Answer **one** question from Section B.

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

Up to 16 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 24 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

EITHER

Descriptive writing

2 Describe a journey through, on or over water.

OR

Descriptive writing

3 Describe a group of people celebrating a special occasion.

OR

Narrative writing

4 Write a story that involves a loss of confidence or belief.

OR

Narrative writing

5 Write a story with the title, 'Leaving'.

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