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**LANGUAGE & LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

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Paper 2 Composition

**May/June 2013**

**2 hours**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**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.

**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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This document consists of **2** printed pages.



**Answer one question from Section A and one question from Section B.**

You should write between 600 and 900 words for each composition.

**Section A: Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing**

- 1 Write a descriptive piece called *The School Leaving Party*. In your writing create a sense of setting and atmosphere.
- 2 Write the short opening chapter of a novel called *Double Identity*. In your writing create a sense of fear and uncertainty.
- 3 Write a short story called *Ocean World*. In your writing create a sense of a mysterious and magical location.
- 4 Write a story called *Evidence at Last* in which the truth about a past event is finally revealed.

**Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing**

- 5 'Patriotism does more harm than good.' What do you think – and why?
- 6 A film magazine aimed at teenagers publishes profiles of three young actors who have recently featured in a successful film. The magazine is trying to persuade its audience to see the film. Each actor offers a different kind of image. Write the profiles (which should be about 200–300 words each).
- 7 'It is better for children to be educated in a boys-only or girls-only school.' Do you agree? You should give detailed reasons in your answer.
- 8 Write a newspaper article called 'Improving Your Communication Skills'. In it you give guidance and advice to readers on how they can improve their public speaking and presentation skills.

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