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LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Writing

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2 hours

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer Question 1.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A: Shorter writing and reflective commentary

Question 1

You are going to take part in a debate at school about whether it is better to have one job for life, or to change careers one or more times. Your headteacher has asked you to open the debate by giving a short speech on the topic.

- (a) Write the text for your speech, using no more than 400 words. Introduce both points of view and create a sense of interest in the debate. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set by your headteacher. [10]

Section B: Extended writing

Answer **one** question.

EITHER

Question 2

Write a story which begins with the following sentence: *As I walked past the painting of the man, I was sure that his eyes were following me.* In your writing, create a sense of drama and suspense. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 3

In class, you have been discussing whether it is better to spend your holidays in your home country, rather than travelling abroad. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay on the topic, giving your opinion. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 4

Last weekend, you did a one-day photography course for beginners. You decide to write a review of this course, which will be published on a photography website. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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