



# Cambridge International AS Level

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 taking part in a fitness challenge which involves walking 10 000 steps every day. You have decided to write a blog about the experience.

- (a) Write the text for your first blog entry, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, create a sense of enthusiasm for the challenge and encourage others to take part too. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set. [10]

**Section B: Extended writing**

Answer **one** question.

**EITHER**

**Question 2**

Last weekend, you went on a boat trip in your local area, which was organised by a new tourism company. You decide to write a review of the trip, which will be published on a travel website. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

**OR**

**Question 3**

You recently read a newspaper article which said that young people should get jobs after leaving school, rather than go to university. You decide to write a letter to the editor, in response to this article, giving your opinion. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

**OR**

**Question 4**

Write a descriptive piece about a factory in the middle of a working day. In your writing, focus on the sound, light and movement in the factory to help your reader imagine the scene. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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