



# 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

In class, you have been talking about role models. Your teacher has asked you to write the opening of a biography about someone you admire.

- (a) Write the text for your biography opening, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, focus on why you have chosen to write about this person, and create a sense of interest in them. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set by your teacher. [10]

## Section B: Extended writing

Answer **one** question.

**EITHER**

### Question 2

Last month, you did a one-day jewellery-making course for beginners. You decide to write a review of this course, which will be published in your school magazine. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

**OR**

### Question 3

Write a story which begins with the following sentence: *He slowly picked up the phone, and even before he heard the voice he knew exactly who it was.* In your writing, create a sense of drama and suspense. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

**OR**

### Question 4

In class, you have been discussing whether younger people care more or less about climate change than older people do. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay on the topic, giving your opinion. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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