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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0990/31

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

May/June 2019

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Reading Booklet Insert

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces at the top of this page.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **two** questions in the space provided: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**.
If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passage for use with **Question 1** in **Section 1** on the Question Paper.

The Reading Booklet Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section 2: Composition**Questions 2 and 3**

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

Up to 13 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 12 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

Descriptive Writing

2 (a) Describe a familiar place at an unusual time or from a different point of view.

OR

2 (b) Describe what you see, hear and feel when you look up into the sky as day changes into night.

Narrative Writing

3 (a) Write a story which includes the words, 'I tried to stay calm'.

OR

3 (b) Write a story with the title, 'It's Now or Never'.

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[Total: 25]

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