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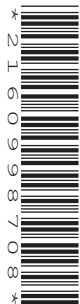
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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0990/21**

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

**May/June 2020**

**2 hours**

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:  
Section A: answer Question 1.  
Section B: answer **one** question.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

This document has **12** pages. Blank pages are indicated.

Read Text A and Text B in the insert and then answer **Section A, Question 1** on this question paper.

**Section A: Directed Writing**

**Question 1**

Imagine you have a rich relative who is considering whether or not to reserve a seat on one of the first tourist space flights and they have asked you for your views.

**Write a letter** to your relative.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the ideas and opinions in both texts
- give your own views to your relative, based on what you have read.

Base your letter on what you have read in **both** texts, but be careful to use your own words. Address both of the bullet points.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

**Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 25 marks for the quality of your writing.**

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**Section B: Composition**

Answer **one** question from Section B.

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

**Up to 16 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 24 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.**

**EITHER**

**Descriptive Writing**

**2** Describe a room in a house that belongs to an older person.

**OR**

**Descriptive Writing**

**3** Describe moving from a stressful place to one which is peaceful.

**OR**

**Narrative Writing**

**4** Write a narrative about a time you had an important responsibility.

**OR**

**Narrative Writing**

**5** Write a narrative which includes the words, 'I was so focused'.



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