

# Script 1

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## FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

For Examination from 2017

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

### 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 Insert contains the reading passages for use with **Question 1** in **Section 1** on the Question Paper.  
This Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

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

This syllabus is regulated in England as a Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 (9–1) Certificate.

This document consists of **11** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** Insert.

Read carefully the two articles in the Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

### Section 1 Directed Writing

#### Question 1

Your elderly relative lives alone and is considering joining the Homeshare scheme. They think this might help not just themselves, but a young person too. They are determined to remain independent and have contacted you for advice.

Write a letter to your elderly relative, in which you should:

- Explain what you think might be the advantages and potential disadvantages for any young person sharing your relative's house in the Homeshare scheme.
- Evaluate whether you think joining the Homeshare scheme would be a good idea for your relative or not. Give reasons and examples to support what you say.

You should use evidence from the two passages you have read to help you answer this question. Remember to write the letter using your own words.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Dear Aunt Sally,

I have heard that you are considering participating in a Homeshare scheme. That might at first sound like a great idea, but I think that you should know a bit more about it first.

In recent years, more and more elderly people, like yourself, have been needing help with basic ~~day~~ things such as doing chores. Unfortunately, the amount of elderly people who have actually been receiving ~~the~~ the help that they need is pretty low. I am under the impression that you may be ~~part of~~ ~~the stat~~ ~~not~~ ~~an~~ ~~of~~ one of those who need help.

In order to solve the problem, a number of schemes have been set up which help the elderly. One of those schemes, like you know, is called the Homeshare scheme. I am guess

presuming that you ~~do~~ know what it is already, but just to prevent any misunderstandings from occurring, I will explain it anyway.

The Homeshare scheme usually involves a young or middle-aged ~~per~~ person living with an elderly ~~per~~ person. The young or middle-aged person will have to work for the elderly person at least 10 hours a week, and ~~also~~ ~~the~~ he or she will also have to stay ~~with~~ with the ~~elderly~~ elderly person at least five nights a week. In return, the younger person will have to pay a fraction of the rent.

The ~~Homeshare~~ Homeshare scheme has been around for a few years ~~and~~ already, and it has proved to be successful most of the time. However, there are ~~some~~ ~~drawbacks~~ ~~sometimes~~ problems ~~or~~ ~~with~~ with the scheme.

In numerous cases, the younger person has been dishonest and caused many problems. Last year, ~~a~~ a twenty-year-old male who was part of the scheme threw an enormous party at the house of ~~a~~ a seventy-year-old man ~~and~~ with whom he was sharing ~~a~~ a house. The festivity ~~and~~ resulted in ~~a~~ £72,000 worth of damage, and two people were arrested. There are many more cases which are similar to this one.

Fortunately, most of the people ~~who~~ who take part in the scheme are ~~not~~ satisfied with the outcome. In

theory, the Homeshow scheme should be a success in every case, or at least when both participants stick to the rules. For both participants, the scheme should be great as the younger ~~person~~ person will ~~be able to~~ have a cheap place to stay and learn a lot from the elderly ~~person~~ person. ~~The~~ The elderly person will have a much needed companion and less chores, which are very important for them. Also, he or she will get a bit of money at the end.

Ultimately, it is up to you whether you want to participate in the scheme. However, I would advise you to ~~do~~ ~~it~~ take part in the scheme. The reasons for that are the profitability of the scheme because of ~~the~~ the rent, and the help that you could ~~to~~ receive. I understand that someone of your age finds every day things harder than before. But, if you think that you have problems with the scheme ~~when you do~~ if you ~~are~~ ~~taking~~ take part in it, just give me a call and I will help you sort things out.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and considering ~~with~~ my advice.

Yours sincerely,  
Ilya Carey

**[Turn to page 6 for Section 2]**

**Section 2 Composition**

Answer **one** question in this section.

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

**Descriptive Writing****Question 2**

You find a photograph which reminds you of someone or somewhere you used to know. Describe what you see, feel and remember as you look at the image.

OR

**Question 3**

Write a description using the title, 'The view from the top'.

OR

**Narrative Writing****Question 4**

Write a story, or part of a story, beginning with the words: 'Something had changed this time.'

OR

**Question 5**

Write a story, or part of a story, that involves an argument or misunderstanding between friends.

Please write your chosen question number here (2, 3, 4 or 5): 4

Something had changed this time. Michael knew it. He was sure of it.

Michael was a 23 year-old university student who was studying ethics. He ~~visited his~~ used to visit his girlfriend Sarah every ~~week~~ Saturday, because she lived ~~for~~ away from him. Usually, ~~Michael~~ the visit ~~involved~~ ~~just~~ in only involved ~~there~~ dinner, a film, and a deep and meaningful conversation. However, the last few visits have been ~~rather~~ rather different to the usual visits. Instead of dinner, a ~~film~~ film, and a conversation, there only was dinner and a film. The conversations used to last hours, and ~~they~~ ranged over a vast variety of topics. Now, Sarah ~~wouldn't~~ ~~no~~ wouldn't ever ~~talk~~ talk. At first, ~~the~~ Michael thought nothing of it, but ~~after~~ after a few ~~visits~~ visits he ~~he~~ knew something was ~~was~~ wrong. ~~What~~ Unfortunately Michael had no clue.

Sarah ~~she~~ used to be a talkative person, who always ~~she~~ knew what to say. She used to ~~to~~ laugh at even the cheesiest of jokes. Now, not even a smile. She ~~she~~ used to be full of spirit, now nothing.

Michael tried a few things to find out what was wrong with Sarah, but he found no answers. ~~His only hope was to~~ The only thing he could think was hoping that things would change, and something did change.

~~While~~ Whilst on his way to Sarah's house, Michael had a feeling that something was about to change. As soon as he arrived at her house, he ~~knew~~ realised his feeling was right. ~~Every~~ Every time he had visited Sarah, ~~including~~ including the last few visits, she ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> waiting on the porch. This time, she wasn't there.

Michael immediately sharpened his senses and tried to deduce as many things as possible whilst parked. He deduced that Sarah was at home because her car was there and some lights in her house were on. ~~She was~~ He further deduced that she was in her bedroom upstairs, because ~~only~~ the only lights that were on were upstairs, and her bedroom window was open. Even though he couldn't see her, Michael knew she must have been watching her.

Michael carefully came out of his car and approached the front ~~door~~ door of the house. Not a single sound came from the house. The only thing he ~~off~~ could hear was the sound of wind. ~~At the~~ When he arrived at the front door, he saw that it wasn't

fully closed, so he pushed it open and entered the house. Knowing that Sarah was in her bedroom, he ~~started~~ started walking up the stairs. After what seemed like an eternity, he was in front of her ~~the~~ bedroom ~~door~~ door. He knocked.

There was no reply, so he knocked again, and yet again no reply. He proceeded to ~~step~~ walk in the room. There he saw Sarah, lying on her bed, looking as white as snow. He didn't know how, he didn't know ~~why~~ why, but Michael ~~had~~ knew ~~that~~ that Sarah was dead.

