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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.

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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 Great Aunt Olga

I know we haven't spoken for a long time, but it was great to hear from you and I would love to help you decide about the homeshare. I know it could definitely ~~take some of~~ relieve some of mom's stress.

With regard to the young person who would be coming to stay with you, this opportunity could really help them. With student fees at an all time high more and more are struggling to find accommodation. We all know the first years of adulthood can be stressful and very lonely, most would jump at the chance of companionship.

The homeshare scheme would provide a young adult with cheaper accommodation. An additional advantage is, ~~that~~ if they have to spend time helping you, that is better for them than partying and getting themselves into trouble.

In addition they could learn a lot from you, many would enjoy sitting and listening to your stories of the war over a cup of tea. Moreover helping you around the house and generally taking care of you will provide them with invaluable life skills. London life is very expensive, not having to worry about tax and overheads could be extremely beneficial to a young person. This opportunity could allow a young adult to get on their feet and provide them with a good start to adulthood.

On the otherhand, with the stress of life as a student or ~~at~~ work everyone needs down time! If the person on the homeshare has to look after you on top of all that, they could stress themselves out even more and eventually make themselves very ill.

In addition they could get used to the easy life the homeshare provides and be ill prepared for independent life.

Also the obligation of staying in five nights a week may mean they are unable to go out with their friends and have fun. Especially ~~for~~ students and those who have a job may feel rude if they have to do work at home. ^{and may not do it} this may get them into trouble.

However The Homeshare ~~scheme~~ scheme could be extremely beneficial for you also. Recently I know it has been extremely hard for you on your own, looking after yourself. Mum has been very worried about you, if someone were to come and stay with you they would be able to help you out. They could do things around the house you struggle with.

The homeshare does have its downsides though, the person that comes to stay may not respect the terms of the agreement. They may take advantage of

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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): 3

I had anticipated this once in a life time experience for many years, and now I had finally made it to the top. I felt invincible standing up there in ^{our} ~~my~~ ~~the~~ pod with a perfect panorama of the whole of London. I had conquered the London skyline like the sun god Helios.

Mesmerised by the stunning ~~view~~ ^{city} all around, my eyes never wandered from the dumbfounding view. Big Ben stood, the sentry of the city looking over everything going on. The perfectly shaped dome of St Pauls the beating heart of the city. However a sense of panic came over me as I worried whether I would be able to encapsulate the whole view during the short duration at the top.

The city was a construction site, in every direction I gazed, a crane penetrated the skyline. I was filled with a sense of foreboding, as I wondered how long this amazing feeling would last and whether I would ever experience it again. The river Thames the main artery of the beast that is London. I sensed that I was only seeing a brief snapshot of an awe-inspiring

city, a land of opportunity and prosperity. I could smell the unfortunately polluted air of the city, a concoction of harmful ^{and} ~~a~~ poisonous chemicals. It shrouded the city ^{like} a dark cloud of negativity looming in the sky. I then turned around and was struck by the majestic shard, the sun gleamed on the clear glass. It was the perfect advert for the success of British engineering.

I searched for the houses of parliament, the heart and control centre of the country. It was the ancient architecture that impressed me the most. The sun continued to shine bright ~~off~~ over the city as the day came to a close, but the beast still active as ever. I felt a bead of sweat meander its way down my spine and the hairs on the back of my neck ~~pricked~~ stood up as the realisation that the experience was nearly over hit me.

If you use the following lined page to complete the answer(s) to any question(s), the question number(s) must be clearly shown.

your good will and refuse to keep up their end of the bargain. Some young adults today only care about partying and having fun with their friends. Rather than having the desired positive effects they may make your situation worse and become a burden on you.

In conclusion the homeshare scheme definitely has its benefits and someone coming to stay could be a great help to you. In addition you have the opportunity to help out a young adult that is currently struggling to get on their feet. On the otherhand, if you are unfortunate and get someone who does not respect the scheme they could be ~~to~~ more harm than good. However, in general, I believe the scheme seems like a good idea and could definitely be beneficial to you.

Love from

Your Nephew