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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/12**

Paper 1 Writing

**May/June 2013**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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

NB: Remember that Section 1 and Section 2 of this paper are worth the **same** number of marks, so you should divide your time carefully between them.

Answer both **Section 1** and **Section 2**.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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**Section 1: Directed Writing**

**You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this part: 30.**

**Task**

Recently, a foreign student spent one month as a member of your class in order to learn about your country. You decide to write an article for your school magazine about the visit.

Write your **magazine article**. You must include the following:

- the student's name **and** other details about the student
- what the student did during the visit both in and out of school
- why you feel the visit was of benefit to the student and to your school.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make sure your article is lively and informative. Start your article with a suitable headline.

**Section 2: Creative Writing**

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the head of your essay put the number of the topic you have chosen.

**You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. Total marks for this part: 30.**

- 1 Describe some of the passengers and the atmosphere in a crowded bus or taxi. (Remember you are describing the people **and** the atmosphere, not just what happens on the ride.)
- 2 Should all school pupils give up some of their free time to help the local community? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 3 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'When I was at last alone, I felt surprisingly happy.'
- 4 Tidiness.
- 5 Write a story in which someone takes responsibility at a difficult time.

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