



Cambridge O Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section 1: answer Question 1.
 - Section 2: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section 1: Directed Writing

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

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for following the task instructions.

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for the language you use.

Question 1

A new travel website includes an article about your area. You agree with most of the article, but you think that some of the opinions in it are unfair. You are also disappointed that the article does not mention an important local attraction for tourists. You decide to write a letter to the author of the article to complain.

Write your **letter**. You must include the following:

- what you agree with in the article
- which opinions you think were unfair **and** why
- details of the important local attraction that was not mentioned in the article.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter polite and informative. Start your letter 'Dear ...' and remember to supply a suitable ending.

Section 2: Composition

Begin your answer on a new page of your answer booklet.

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

At the beginning of your composition put the number of the question you have chosen.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words.

You will be awarded marks for accurate use of language and relevant content: 30.

Questions 2–6

Description

- 2 Describe the scene in your house when your family is preparing for a special occasion. (Remember you are describing the atmosphere, the people and what they are doing, as well as the place.)

Argument

- 3 'There are far more advantages to competing against others at a young age than disadvantages.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 'Cities are a great place for young people to grow up in.' What do you think? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'It was obvious that his aunt had not visited him just to say hello.'
- 6 Write a story in which a motorcycle plays an important part.

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