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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Composition

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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.

Answer both **Part One** and **Part Two**.

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

This document consists of **3** printed pages and **1** blank page.



Part One

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

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

You are advised to spend about 60 minutes on this part of the paper and to write between 350 and 600 words. Total marks for this part: 40.

- 1 Describe a time when you felt awkward and out of place.
- 2 Have classroom teachers become less important with the increased use of the internet in education?
- 3 Write about an occasion when a parent was very badly treated by a child.
- 4 School Assemblies.
- 5 Write a story which includes the words: 'Our secret code had proved very successful.'

Part Two

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on this part of the paper and to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this part: 20.

Your school is holding a special event to mark an important anniversary for the school. Your class is helping to organise the event. The Principal asks you, as a senior student, to write a letter to be sent to all local businesses asking for sponsorship or help.

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

- what anniversary it is
- what sort of event is planned
- the date **and** time the event is to take place
- a request for sponsorship or help
- why the school needs the help of local businesses in this event.

You must cover all five points in detail. You should add further details if you wish and make sure your letter is polite and persuasive.

You should begin 'Dear Sir or Madam,' and end your letter appropriately.

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