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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/12**

Paper 1 Writing

**October/November 2012**

**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**

You return to your house one day to find it has been broken into and many of your possessions have been stolen. You decide to write a letter to the police to report the robbery.

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

- at what time **and** for how long you were away from the house when the robbery took place
- detailed information about the most valuable items taken
- any clues you have noticed **and** how you think the police might be able to catch the thieves.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter informative and helpful for the police. Start your letter 'Dear Sirs...' and remember to provide a suitable ending.

**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 the celebrity you most admire **and** the celebrity you least admire. (Remember that you are describing the people and not just why you admire or do not admire them.)
- 2 'Young people today have no interest in politics.' Do you agree?
- 3 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'No-one could understand why she failed to turn up.'
- 4 Dreams.
- 5 Write a story in which fear of flying is an important part. (Remember that you should include full details of the fear to show how it is an important part of your story.)

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