



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

Recently your school held a careers day when people from a wide range of jobs gave information and advice about their work to students. Your Principal asks you to write a report about how helpful you and the other students thought the careers day was.

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

- the positive aspects of the day for you and the other students
- how the day could be improved for next time
- what decisions you have made about your future as a result of the careers day **and** why.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your report informative and persuasive. Start your report 'To the Principal'. Remember to give your name and a date.

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 different views you have from **two** of the windows in your house which face in different directions. (Remember you can describe the atmosphere of what you can see, and any people you usually see there, as well as the views themselves.)

Argument

- 3** 'Having more freedom also means having more responsibilities.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4** 'Social media brings as many problems as benefits.' How far do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5** Write a story which includes the sentence: 'When she asked why I was so nervous about going there, I didn't know what to say.'
- 6** Write a story about twins with very different personalities.

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