



# Cambridge O Level

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**3170/12**

Paper 1 Writing

**May/June 2021**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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## 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.

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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 an Open Day for parents to see the variety of academic and extra-curricular activities at the school. You and two classmates were chosen to organise some entertainment or an activity for the parents. Your Principal asks you to write a school magazine article about what you and your classmates did.

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

- who your classmates were **and** where in the school the entertainment or activity took place
- details of the entertainment or activity
- the benefits of the Open Day for the parents and for the students.

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

## 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 **two** very different tourist sites which you have visited in your country and what you particularly enjoyed about them. (Remember you are describing the atmosphere and any people as well as the places.)

#### Argument

- 3 'Playing video games is not as bad for us as people say: in fact, there are many more benefits than disadvantages.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 'Climate change is not the most important problem in the world. There are other issues which are far more serious.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

#### Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'My friend was staring out of the window and paying no attention at all to what I was saying.'
- 6 Write a story about an occasion when teamwork was necessary to achieve what seemed impossible.

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