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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 Center 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.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

This document consists of **2** printed pages.



Answer one question from Section A and one question from Section B.

You should write between 600 and 900 words for each composition.

Section A: Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing

- 1 Describe a place in your country which is known for its great natural beauty. In your writing concentrate on how this place appeals to your senses.
- 2 Write the opening chapter of a novel with the title *Brothers*. In your writing concentrate on the characters and their relationships.
- 3 'I handed over the instructions to the assassin, and with tears in my eyes said, "Do it!"'

Continue a short story from this opening. Focus on why the speaker might want revenge. (You do not need to bring the story to a close.)

- 4 Write two contrasting pieces (between 300–450 words each) about two buildings used by the public for the same purpose (e.g. two libraries, two schools, or two places of worship). The first building is 100 years old. The second building is less than 10 years old. In your writing concentrate on mood and place.

Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 'Examinations only test memory – not a person's real abilities.' What do you think – and why?
- 6 'Greed is the main cause of evil in the world.' What do you think – and why?
- 7 It is your last day at school. You have been asked to deliver a leaving speech to the whole school about why you value your education. Write the speech.
- 8 'TV talent shows are more about making money than about discovering real talent.' What do you think – and why?

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