



# Cambridge International AS Level

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LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Writing

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2 hours

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 A: answer Question 1.
  - Section B: 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.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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**Section A: Shorter writing and reflective commentary****Question 1**

You recently read a newspaper article which said that people are only interested in news stories about their country. You decide to write an email to the editor, in response to this article, giving your opinion.

- (a) Write the text for your email, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, focus on the importance of reading about what is happening in other countries as well as your own. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set. [10]

**Section B: Extended writing**

Answer **one** question.

**EITHER**

**Question 2**

You are going to take part in a debate at school about whether it is a good or bad thing that lots of teenagers want to be famous. Your headteacher has asked you to open the debate by giving a speech on the topic. Write the text for your speech, discussing both points of view and giving your opinion. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

**OR**

**Question 3**

The editor of a food magazine has asked readers to give recommendations for cookery books for beginners. You decide to write a review of a cookery book you have used, which will be published in the magazine. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

**OR**

**Question 4**

Write a descriptive piece about an orchestra. In your writing, focus on sound, colour and movement to help your reader imagine the scene. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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