



# 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 are going to take part in a debate at school about whether a student going to university should choose a subject that they enjoy, or a subject that will lead to a good job. Your headteacher has asked you to open the debate by giving a short speech on the topic.

- (a) Write the text for your speech, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, introduce both points of view and create a sense of interest in the debate. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set by your headteacher. [10]

**Section B: Extended writing**

Answer **one** question.

**EITHER**

**Question 2**

In class, you have been discussing whether foreign travel will become less popular because people can find out everything about other countries using the internet. You decide to write an article on the topic, which will be published in your school magazine. Write between 600 and 900 words.

[25]

**OR**

**Question 3**

You recently went to an exercise class that you have not been to before. You decide to write a review of the class, which you will post on your blog. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

**OR**

**Question 4**

Write a story which begins with the following sentence: *After slowly opening my eyes, I realised that I didn't recognise anything around me.* In your writing, create a sense of drama and suspense. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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