

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LANGUAGE & LITERATURE IN ENGLISH
ENGLISH LANGUAGE (HALF CREDIT)

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Paper 2 Composition
Paper 1 Composition

October/November 2004

2 hours

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 in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

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

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

All questions carry equal marks.

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

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

Write between 600 and 900 words for each composition

Section A: Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing

- 1 Write two contrasting descriptive pieces [300–450 words each] which portray the same character at the beginning and at the end of the same story or novel. You should bring out differences – such as in the character’s appearance, personality and thoughts.
- 2 Write a monologue for radio or television performance in which a child recalls a vivid memory or experience. In writing the monologue you should try to capture the child’s viewpoint and expression.
- 3 Write a complete short story in which coincidence or a twist of fate plays a significant part.
- 4 Choose **one** of the following: a story set in the future **or** one set in an imaginary world. Based on your choice, write the opening of a story which establishes a location and its atmosphere.

Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 Which historical or living person has inspired you most – and why?
- 6 Write a magazine article offering advice to teenage readers about preparing and attending interviews for jobs or educational courses. The article needs to persuade the readers in appropriate and imaginative ways that the advice you are offering will be effective.
- 7 Can revenge ever be justified?
- 8 You have been asked to contribute to a debate called ‘The Greatest Challenges Facing Our Generation’ in which speakers of your age will put forward their views about national and international matters and priorities. Write the speech you would give.