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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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Paper 2 Composition

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**2 hours**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre 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.

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.

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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 Write the short opening chapter of a novel called *The Land that Time Forgot*. In your writing create a sense of mood and place.
- 2 Write a short story called *The Day Trip*. In your writing create two contrasting characters who have different reasons for being on the same outing.
- 3 Write a descriptive piece called *Claustrophobia*. In your writing create a sense of danger and tension.
- 4 Write two contrasting monologues (between 300–450 words each). In the first monologue, a young speaker reveals her or his hopes for a happy and successful life. In the second monologue, the same, but now elderly, speaker reflects on where it all went wrong. In your writing create a sense of contrasting attitudes and viewpoints.

### Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 'Social equality has never worked, nor will it ever do so.'  
What do you think – and why?
- 6 Write a letter to your five-year-old self offering guidance on what to enjoy and what to avoid as you grow up.
- 7 'Men need their rights just as much as women need theirs.'  
What do you think – and why?
- 8 A magazine publishes two contrasting articles, one called 'Parents Should Be Made Legally Responsible for the Actions of Their Children', and the other called 'There Is Only So Much Parents Can Do'. Write the two articles (between 300–450 words each).

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