

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS  
General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Level and Advanced Level  
Advanced International Certificate of Education

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**LANGUAGE & LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (HALF CREDIT)**

**8693/02**  
**8695/02**  
**0396/01**

Paper 2 Composition  
Paper 1 Composition

October/November 2005

**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 pieces (between 300–450 words each) about different areas of a particular region or town. In your writing you should bring out differences in mood and atmosphere.
- 2 Write a complete drama script called 'You Never Can Tell'. In writing the piece you should explore the ways in which a character is deceived by appearances or events.
- 3 Think of a taste or smell. Describe the personal experiences and emotions which it brings to mind.
- 4 Write the opening to a story in which two unusual or eccentric characters meet for the first time.

**Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing**

- 5 'We now live in a world where different forms of media and technology put our privacy at risk.' Do you agree?
- 6 You have been asked to write an article for your local newspaper explaining why facilities for young people need improving in your area. In your article you should describe the nature of the present facilities and the ways in which they can be improved.
- 7 'Life is what you – and you alone – make of it.' What is your view?
- 8 A big robbery trial is coming to an end in court. Both the prosecution and the defence have one final speech in which to sum up their arguments. Write **both** speeches (between 300–450 words each).