



# Cambridge O Level

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/12**

Paper 1 Writing

**May/June 2021**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

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 1: answer Question 1.
  - Section 2: 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.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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### Section 1: Directed Writing

**You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this section: 30**

- You will be awarded up to 15 marks for following the task instructions.
- You will be awarded up to 15 marks for the language you use.

#### Question 1

On your way home from school recently, you and your friend saw a poster about an event. This led to an exciting experience for both you and your friend. Some time later, your teacher asks you to make a speech to your class about the experience.

Write your **speech**. You must include the following:

- the name of your friend **and** what the event was
- a detailed account of the experience
- the effect this experience had on both you and your friend.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your speech interesting and informative. Start your speech 'Good morning, everyone.'

**Section 2: Composition**

Begin your answer on a new page of your answer booklet.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the beginning of your composition put the number of the question you have chosen.

**You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words.**

You will be awarded marks for accurate use of language and relevant content: 30.

**Questions 2–6****Description**

- 2** Describe **two** of your neighbours who are very different and what your relationship with them is like. (Remember you are describing the characters of the two people as well as their appearance.)

**Argument**

- 3** 'We should always obey rules, both inside and outside school: there is never an excuse for breaking them.' What is your opinion? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4** Which **two** aspects of your culture do you think people in your country should be most proud of? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

**Narrative**

- 5** Write a story which includes the sentence: 'I could see my friend shouting to me but there was too much noise to hear what my friend was saying.'
- 6** Write a story in which someone is accused of doing something wrong which they did not actually do.

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