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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

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 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.

NB: Remember that Section 1 and Section 2 of this paper are worth the **same** number of marks, so you should divide your time carefully between them.

Answer both **Section 1** and **Section 2**.

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

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Section 1: Directed Writing

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

Task

Your Principal wants to make a documentary film about your school. The Principal wishes to choose one student to take part in the film and to talk about the best aspects of the school. You decide to write a letter to the Principal applying to take part.

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

- why you would like to take part in the film
- details of your achievements in and out of school **and** why they make you suitable to take part in the film
- which aspects of your school you would like to talk about in the film **and** why.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter informative and persuasive to show you are the right person for the film. Start your letter 'Dear Principal,' and remember to provide a suitable ending.

Section 2: Creative Writing

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

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

At the head of your essay put the number of the topic you have chosen.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. Total marks for this part: 30.

- 1 Describe the people and atmosphere inside a busy workplace. (Remember that you are describing the people **and** atmosphere and not just what everyone is doing.)
- 2 What are the biggest benefits and drawbacks of travel away from home? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 3 Write a story which includes the words: 'I never realised how useful that item of clothing would be'.
- 4 Keeping fit. (Remember you may adopt any approach to this topic.)
- 5 Write a story in which two different keys play an important part. (Remember that you should include full details of their importance in order to show how they are central to your story.)

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