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Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **two** questions in the space provided: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**.

If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passage for use with **Question 1, Section 1** on this Question Paper. The Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **11** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

Read carefully the article about ‘Home-from-Home Holidays’ in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question 1

A cousin of yours, Vincent, who travels a lot, is thinking of signing up for Home-from-Home Holidays. He has asked for your opinion of the scheme and whether you’ll agree to be a guide for any visitors staying in his home.

Write a letter to Vincent.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the claims made by Home-from-Home Holidays about the benefits of this kind of holiday
- explain whether or not you think joining the scheme would be a good idea for Vincent **and** for you.

Base your letter on what you have read in the article, but be careful to use your own words. Address both of the bullet points.

Begin your letter,
‘Dear Vincent,
I’ve heard about Home-from-Home Holidays...’

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Section 2: Composition

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions. Answer on this Question Paper.

Up to 13 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 12 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

Descriptive Writing

2 Describe an area that was once beautiful but is now spoilt.

OR

3 Impressions of people can change over time. Describe your first impressions of someone you now know well.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story in which the main character feels they do not fit in.

OR

5 Write a story that begins, 'She watched them leave and realised she could be there for a long time...'

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