

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Level and Advanced Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

8693/02

LANGUAGE & LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 2 Composition

May/June 2003

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

2 hours

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 a detailed description of a deserted and isolated place which helps to create the atmosphere of **either** a horror **or** suspense story.
- 2 Write the opening scene of a drama-script for a new radio soap-opera. You should make sure that the script establishes the personalities of the principal characters and their relationships with each other.
- 3 Write a section called 'Early Childhood' as part of your own autobiography. The section should convey some of your strongest memories from your early life.
- 4 Write a descriptive piece about the effects of a natural disaster on a particular place. You should try to capture the atmosphere and mood both **before** and **after** the event.

Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 As a representative of your school or college, you have been asked to give a welcoming speech to a party of visiting teachers and students from a different country. In your speech you should try to highlight the positive aspects of your own country and culture.
- 6 'Ignorance is bliss.'
'You can never learn too much.'

Which view are you in closer agreement with, and why?
- 7 Write the opening of a magazine feature called 'Dangerous Fools' intended to explore different views of the behaviour of people who pursue extreme and dangerous sports, or who take on record-breaking challenges.
- 8 'Technology gives young people today knowledge and power that they have never had before. The implications are rather serious.' Do you agree? You should offer detailed reasons for your views.