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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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Paper 2 Composition

**October/November 2013**

**2 hours**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**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.  
**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.  
You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.  
All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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This document consists of **2** printed pages.



Answer one question from Section A and one question from Section B.

You should write between 600 and 900 words for each composition.

### Section A: Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing

- 1 Write the short opening chapter of a novel called *Starting Again*. In your writing create a sense of character and place.
- 2 Write a short story called *The Factory* in which the narrator describes two contrasting times, one when business is booming, and one when there is an economic downturn (between 300–450 words each).
- 3 Write a descriptive piece called *Midnight*. In your writing create a sense of mood and setting.
- 4 Write two contrasting pieces, one by a low-ranked soldier, the other by a senior officer. Each reveals her or his very different thoughts and feelings about the same army unit in which they serve (between 300–450 words each). In your writing create a sense of contrasting motivations and personalities.

### Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 'Space exploration is a complete waste of money.' What do you think – and why?
- 6 A newspaper invites you to write an article called 'The Grumpy Person's Guide to Sport'. In it you explain why some features of sport upset you. Write the article.
- 7 'We should not expect governments to behave in fair and moral ways.' Do you agree? You should give detailed reasons in your answer.
- 8 A new school in your area publishes its school brochure aimed at the local community. It promotes the qualities and facilities of the school in an extremely positive way. Write the text for the brochure.

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