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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Composition

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2 hours

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.
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.

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 *All Alone*. In your writing create a sense of character and place.
- 2 Write a short story called *Life on the Road* in which the narrator describes two contrasting episodes (between 300–450 words each) of her or his experiences.
- 3 Write a descriptive piece called *A Landscape in the Early Morning*. In your writing create a sense of mood and setting.
- 4 An elderly person has died without making a will and has left a valuable painting. Write two contrasting pieces, each by a different relative, in which each one explains why he or she has the right to inherit the painting (between 300–450 words each). In your writing create a sense of contrasting motivations and personalities.

Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 'Live for today: there is no point in worrying about tomorrow.' What do you think – and why?
- 6 A newspaper invites you to contribute to a regular feature called 'Don't Get Me Started!'. In it you express your opinions about everyday things that annoy you. Write the article.
- 7 'The media should never have the right to publish details of people's private lives.' Do you agree? You should give detailed reasons in your answer.
- 8 Write a magazine article called 'Why Don't You Take Up a Hobby?'. In it you offer suggestions to teenagers on how and why they should try out new activities.

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