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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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Paper 2 Composition

**October/November 2011**

**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.

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 a short story called *The Unexpected Visit*. In your writing create a mood of tension and suspense.
- 2 Write a descriptive piece called *The Bargain Store*. In your writing create a detailed sense of people and setting.
- 3 'A tunnel lay open before them: there was only one way they could go now ...'  
  
Continue the opening to this story (although you do not have to write a complete story). In your writing create a sense of a mysterious future.
- 4 Write the thoughts and memories of a narrator who recalls the most exciting time in her or his life. In your writing create a sense of character and place.

### Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 'Helping someone to end their life should not be allowed in any circumstances.' What do you think – and why?
- 6 In response to an article in a national newspaper, two readers write letters to the editor. One letter argues that your country needs to invest more in education. The other letter argues that there are more urgent priorities. Write **both** letters (between 300–450 words each).
- 7 'All governments are corrupt in some way or other.' Do you agree?
- 8 Write a magazine article called 'You Are Not Invited'. In it you name the three famous people (alive or dead) you would never wish to meet – and give the reasons why.

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