



Cambridge O Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Section 1: answer Question 1.
Section 2: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section 1: Directed Writing

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words.

Total marks for this section: 30.

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for following the task instructions.

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for the language you use.

Question 1

A local company has bought some land next to your school. The company wants to build on this land to expand its business. You can see a few advantages to the company's plan, but you are also very unhappy about many aspects of it. You decide to write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper to explain how you feel about the company's plan.

Write your **letter**. You must include the following:

- what the land is used for now **and** what the company wants to build on it
- the advantages and disadvantages of the company's plan
- how you think the land should be used instead.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter polite and informative. Start your letter 'Dear Editor' and remember to supply a suitable ending.

Section 2: Composition

Begin your answer on a new page of your answer booklet.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the beginning of your composition put the number of the question you have chosen.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words.

You will be awarded marks for accurate use of language and relevant content: 30.

Questions 2–6

Description

- 2** Describe the New Year celebrations in your country. (Remember you are describing the events, the places, the atmosphere and the people.)

Argument

- 3** 'Most people spend far too much money these days on things they do not really need.' Do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4** Is it better to be the oldest child in the family or the youngest? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5** Write a story which includes the sentence: 'She threw her bag on the back seat of the car and quickly got into the passenger seat.'
- 6** Write a story about a person who completely changed their mind about someone.

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