



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. 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

Your cousin, a successful former student at your school, has just returned from living in another country. Your Principal asks you to write an article for your school magazine about your cousin's experience.

Write your **magazine article**. You must include the following:

- what your cousin achieved at school
- where your cousin went **and** what your cousin did there
- why your cousin is a role model for other students.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your magazine article interesting and informative. Start your magazine article with a suitable headline.

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 task 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 neighbourhood around your school. Include what you like most about it and what you like least. (Remember you are describing the atmosphere and any people as well as the place.)

Argument

- 3** Do you think it is better to be the only child in a family or is it better to have brothers and sisters? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4** 'Going to university is the best way to get a good job.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5** Write a story which includes the sentence: 'When he answered my question, I knew what I had to do next.'
- 6** Write a story in which running plays an important part.

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