



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.

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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

You recently attended a course in your spare time which you think other students might enjoy. It could be an educational course or a sporting course or any other kind of course. Your Principal asks you to write an article about the course for the school magazine to encourage other students to join it.

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

- what type of course it was **and** where it took place
- details of the activity on the course you enjoyed the most, and why
- how the course might benefit other students.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your school magazine article informative and persuasive. Start your school 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 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 typical scene in a busy restaurant or café you know. (Remember you are describing the atmosphere and any people, as well as the restaurant or café itself.)

Argument

- 3 'Telling people what they should do only makes them do the opposite.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 'It is completely unfair to judge the behaviour of people in the past by the way we think today.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'I had never been so curious about another person before.'
- 6 Write a story in which a coincidence plays an important part.

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