



Cambridge International AS Level

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Writing

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2 hours

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Section A: answer Question 1.
Section B: 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.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A: Shorter writing and reflective commentary

Question 1

A small local school is going to close next month, and the students are all going to join your school, which is much larger. Your headteacher has asked you to give a short speech to the new students about the positive aspects of being in a large school.

- (a) Write the text for the speech, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, focus on the atmosphere at your school and the possibilities that it offers. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set. [10]

Section B: Extended writing

Answer **one** question.

EITHER

Question 2

You recently read a newspaper article called *Why all children should learn to cook*. Readers have been invited to write letters in response to this article. You decide to write a letter, giving your opinion. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 3

You have just seen a TV documentary about wildlife in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. Write a review of the documentary, which will be posted on a conservation website. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 4

Write a descriptive piece called *Top of the World*, about being at the top of a mountain. In your writing, focus on the sights and sounds to help your reader imagine the scene. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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