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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

You recently read a newspaper article which said that people spend far too much time and money shopping these days. You decide to write an email to the editor, in response to this article, giving your opinion.

- (a) Write the text for the email, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, give reasons to support your opinion. [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

A news website aimed at teenagers has recently been set up, and you have been looking at it. You decide to write a review of the news website, which you will post on your blog. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 3

Write a story called *Fake* about a person who is not who they claim to be. In your writing, create a sense of drama and suspense. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 4

Your class has just had a debate on whether health or happiness is more important in life. Your teacher has now asked you to write an essay on the topic. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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