



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

Your school has recently made several changes to become more environmentally friendly, and it has won an award as a result. Your headteacher has asked you to write a news story about winning this award, which will be published in the local newspaper.

- (a) Write the text for the news story, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, focus on the importance of schools becoming more environmentally friendly. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set by your headteacher. [10]

Section B: Extended writing

Answer **one** question.

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Question 2

Write a descriptive piece called *The Basement*, about the rooms below an old house which have not been used for many years. In your writing, focus on light, colour and smell to help your reader imagine the scene. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 3

You recently went to see a circus show. You decide to write a review of the show, which will be published on an entertainment website. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 4

In class, you have been discussing whether designer clothes are a waste of money. You decide to write an article on the topic, which will be published in your school magazine. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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