



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

You belong to a group at university which advises new students on how to manage their money. You have offered to produce a leaflet which explains how students can live well without much money.

- (a) Write the text for your leaflet, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, give advice about ways to reduce spending, and focus on the idea that university students can live well without much money. [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

Write a story called *Freedom?* about a prisoner who has a chance to escape. In your writing, create a sense of drama and suspense. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 3

You are going to take part in a debate at school about whether competitions are good or bad for those taking part. Your headteacher has asked you to open the debate by giving a speech on the topic. Write the text for your speech, discussing both points of view and creating a sense of interest in the debate. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 4

You recently took part in a one-day beach clean-up event which was organised by an environmental group. You decide to write a review of the event, which will be published in your local newspaper. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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