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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 have just heard that there is a plan to close a local food market in your town. You decide to write a news report about this, which will be published in your local newspaper.

- (a) Write the text for the news report, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, focus on the opinions of local people about the plan to close the market. [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

The winner of a well-known TV cookery show recently opened a restaurant which you have just visited. Write a review of the restaurant, which will be published on a local entertainment website called *What's On*. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 3

Write a story which begins with the following sentence: *The third time he heard the noise, he knew he had to do something about it.* 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 having a daily routine is good for you, or whether routine is boring. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay on the topic, giving your opinion. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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