



# Cambridge O Level

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/11**

Paper 1 Writing

**May/June 2021**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Section 1: answer Question 1.
  - Section 2: 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.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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**Section 1: Directed Writing**

**You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this section: 30**

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for following the task instructions.

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for the language you use.

**Question 1**

Recently, you were involved in a difficult situation on your way to school. Your best friend was with you and set a good example by helping you. Later, in your English lesson, your teacher asks you to make a speech to your class about the incident.

Write your **speech**. You must include the following:

- the name of your friend **and** where the incident happened
- details of the incident and how your friend helped you
- how both you and your friend benefited from the event in different ways.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your speech interesting and informative. Start your speech 'Good morning, everyone'.

## Section 2: Composition

Begin your answer on a new page of your answer booklet.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the beginning of your composition put the number of the task you have chosen.

**You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words.**

You will be awarded marks for accurate use of language and relevant content: 30.

### Questions 2–6

#### Description

- 2 Describe **two** very different places you know where people buy food. The places may be shops, restaurants, markets or any other. (Remember you are describing the atmosphere and any people there, as well as the places.)

#### Argument

- 3 'Sport is not just good for exercise – it teaches us lessons about values and behaviour.' Do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 'Every generation should move on and forget the beliefs and practices of previous generations.' How far do you agree with this? Give reasons and details to support your view.

#### Narrative

- 5 Write a story which contains the sentence: 'It was important to meet her face to face because what I wanted to say was too important to put in a text message.'
- 6 Write a story about someone who had to look after a younger brother or sister on **two** occasions – one occasion which went well and one which went badly.

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