



Cambridge O Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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.

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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

On your way home from school recently, you and your friend saw a poster about an event. This led to an exciting experience for both you and your friend. Some time later, your teacher asks you to make a speech to your class about the experience.

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

- the name of your friend **and** what the event was
- a detailed account of the experience
- the effect this experience had on both you and your friend.

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 question 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** of your neighbours who are very different and what your relationship with them is like. (Remember you are describing the characters of the two people as well as their appearance.)

Argument

- 3 'We should always obey rules, both inside and outside school: there is never an excuse for breaking them.' What is your opinion? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 Which **two** aspects of your culture do you think people in your country should be most proud of? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'I could see my friend shouting to me but there was too much noise to hear what my friend was saying.'
- 6 Write a story in which someone is accused of doing something wrong which they did not actually do.

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