



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

Your local council plans to make changes to a public facility in your area, for example a sports centre, a park, a health centre or any other facility. There will be advantages to these changes but some local residents are unhappy about the council's plans. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper to explain how people feel about the possible changes.

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

- which public facility it is and the changes the council plans to make
- the advantages of the possible changes **and** why some residents are unhappy about the plans
- what you think the local council should do in response to residents' opinions.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter polite and informative. Start your letter 'Dear Editor' and remember to supply a suitable ending.

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** very different locations you know which have lots of trees, plants and flowers. (Remember you can describe any people there and the atmosphere, as well as the trees, plants and flowers.)

Argument

- 3** 'I don't believe giving can ever be as good as receiving.' Do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4** 'Parents should insist that their children do extra-curricular activities such as attending school clubs or sports training, even when the children don't want to.' How far do you agree with this? Give reasons and details to support your view.

Narrative

- 5** Write a story which contains the sentence: 'I was surprised when my mother said she had seen my friend several kilometres away.'
- 6** Write a story in which a helicopter plays an important part.

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