



# Cambridge O Level

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

May/June 2023

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

A local company has bought some land next to your school. The company wants to build on this land to expand its business. You can see a few advantages to the company's plan, but you are also very unhappy about many aspects of it. You decide to write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper to explain how you feel about the company's plan.

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

- what the land is used for now **and** what the company wants to build on it
- the advantages and disadvantages of the company's plan
- how you think the land should be used instead.

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 the New Year celebrations in your country. (Remember you are describing the events, the places, the atmosphere and the people.)

#### Argument

- 3 'Most people spend far too much money these days on things they do not really need.' Do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 Is it better to be the oldest child in the family or the youngest? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

#### Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'She threw her bag on the back seat of the car and quickly got into the passenger seat.'
- 6 Write a story about a person who completely changed their mind about someone.

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