



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

During the last twelve months, the number of tourists visiting your local area has increased a lot. This has brought both advantages and disadvantages. The local council has asked residents to give their opinions about the large increase in tourism. You decide to write a report for the local council giving your views.

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

- the advantages of more tourists visiting your local area
- the disadvantages of more tourists visiting your local area
- which one of the disadvantages the council should deal with first **and** how they should deal with it.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your report informative and persuasive. Start your report 'To the Local Council'. Remember to give your name and a date.

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** different possessions which are very important to your family – one which is useful and one which is for decoration. (Remember you can describe the possessions, how your family got them and why they are so important to your family.)

Argument

- 3 'People try too hard to be like other people. It is much better to concentrate on being yourself.' How far do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 'I believe everyone should now be forced by law to recycle.' What is your opinion? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'It wasn't what the woman said to me but the way she said it which made me hesitate.'
- 6 Write a story about someone who moves back to their home town after a long time away and finds their new life there more difficult than expected.

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