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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Unit 1 Language and Context

Time allowed: 2 hours

Material

For this paper you must have:
- an Oxford International AQA Examinations 12-page answer book.

Instructions
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- There are **two** sections:
  – Section A: Understanding texts
  – Section B: Directed writing.
- Answer Question 1 from Section A **and either** Question 2 **or** Question 3 from Section B.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 25 marks for Question 1 and 25 marks for either Question 2 or Question 3.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  – use good English
  – organise information clearly
  – use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Section A: Understanding texts

Answer Question 1.

0 1 **Text A** and **Text B** are printed on pages **4–5**.

Text A is an article from the sport section of the UK newspaper, the *i.*

Text B is part of an online article published in the lifestyle and culture magazine *Dazed*.

Examine how the writer of **Text A** and the creators of **Text B** use language to create meanings.

In your answer you should consider different:

- audiences
- purposes
- genres
- modes of communication.

[25 marks]

Turn over for Text A

Text A

SPORT

Competitive breakdancing will feature in Paris Olympics

By Jane Clinton

Breaking – a competitive form of breakdancing – has been confirmed as part of the line-up for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

The British breakdancer Karam Singh told BBC Sport "It's going to be great for breaking as it gives us more recognition as a sport.

"And for the Olympics, it will attract young people who may not follow some of the traditional sports."

Breaking requires artistry and athleticism. Competitors – known as b-boys and b-girls – are judged on technical skill, creativity and style. Strength, speed, rhythm and agility are also considered.



Last year, the Paris 2024 organising committee had put forward breaking, surfing, skateboarding and climbing to be included.

These were then reviewed by the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The IOC had said priority would be given to events with youth appeal or those that achieved gender equality. It added that new events would also only be included if they were able to use existing venues in Paris.

Squash campaigned unsuccessfully for inclusion, as did billiard sports* and chess. Parkour* also missed out.

But surfing, skateboarding and climbing will be retained following their debuts in Tokyo in 2021.

New IOC rules, first introduced for the Tokyo Games, mean that Olympic host cities can pick sports and propose them for inclusion in those Games if they are popular in that country.

*Billiard sports – games similar to snooker or pool in which a long stick is used to strike balls on a table.

*Parkour – a sport that involves moving around obstacles in an urban area by running, climbing or jumping.

Text B

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Section B: Directed writing

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either

0 2 You have been asked to write an article for your school or college newspaper/magazine about a sport of your choice.

The aim of this article is to promote the benefits of taking up the sport.

You may use the information and ideas in the material in **Section A**.

Write this article using about 400 words.

[25 marks]

or

0 3 Your community is planning a sporting event. You have been invited to speak about a sport you think should be included.

Write the text for your speech, giving information about the sport and explaining the reasons for your choice.

You may use the information and ideas in the material in **Section A**.

Write the text for this speech using about 400 words.

[25 marks]

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