Cambridge International Examinations
Cambridge Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 1 Writing
SPECIMEN PAPER

For Examination from 2018
1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Section 1 and Section 2 of this paper are worth the same number of marks, so you should divide your time carefully between them.

Answer both Section 1 and Section 2.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
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.

Task 1

Your best friend is a popular person at school and is very successful both inside and outside the classroom. Your friend is leaving the school to move overseas. Your teacher, Mr Johnson, asks you to make a speech to your classmates on the last day of term wishing your friend goodbye and good luck.

Write your speech. You must include the following:

- the name of your friend and where your friend is going
- why your friend is moving
- what you and your classmates will miss about your friend.

Cover all three points above in detail. You should make sure your speech is both polite and friendly.

Start your speech, ‘Mr Johnson and friends…’
Section 2: Composition

Begin your answer on a new page of your answer booklet.
Write on one of the following.

At the beginning of your composition put the number of the task you have chosen.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. Total marks for this section: 30

Tasks 2–6

Description

2 Describe some of the people in the crowd present at a public event.
   (Remember that you are describing the people and not telling the story of the event.)

Argument

3 ‘Young people should obey their elders without question.’ What do you think?
   Give examples to support your views, which can be from your own experience if you wish.

4 What changes would you like to see take place in the next five years in your country?
   Clearly present your argument by giving reasons for your views.

Narrative

5 Write a story which includes the sentence: ‘You want me to lead the group but I don’t think I have the right qualities.’

6 Write a story in which a fear of flying is an important part.