



Cambridge Assessment International Education
Cambridge Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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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.

Note: Remember that 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**.

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Section 1: Directed Writing

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this part: 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

Last year, your best friend at school moved away to live in another town. Recently, a very important person came to visit your school. You decide to write a letter to your friend with all the details of the visit.

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

- who the important person was **and** when the visit took place
- details of what happened during the visit
- why the visit was important for you and your school.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter interesting and informative. Start your letter 'Dear ...,' 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 task you have chosen.

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

Tasks 2–6

Description

- 2 Describe your favourite holiday location. (Remember you can describe the surroundings and the local people, as well as the place.)

Argument

- 3 What helps people to succeed in life: their appearance, their personality or their opinions? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 'Playing competitive sport is the best way to keep fit and healthy.' What is your opinion? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'There were two very different opportunities and he knew he had to choose the right one.'
- 6 Write a story in which a broken light plays an important part.

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