



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. 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

Your school has many extra-curricular activities. These include a debating team, music groups, sports teams and others. You are the leader of one of them. Your English teacher asks you to make a speech to your classmates to inform them about your team or group.

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

- which team or group you lead **and** why it is successful
- the qualities and skills a member of the team or group must have
- how someone who joins the team or group will benefit as a member.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your speech informative and interesting. Start your speech: 'Good morning, everyone.'

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.

You will be awarded marks for accurate use of language and relevant content: 30.

Questions 2–6

Description

- 2 Describe **two** places which you have been to with your friends, one which you all liked and one which you all disliked. (Remember that you are describing the atmosphere and any people as well as the places.)

Argument

- 3 If you could give your school new sports equipment **or** new IT equipment, which would you choose? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 What are the advantages **and** disadvantages of having longer school days but more days off school? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'It was my fault so I decided to do something about it.'
- 6 Write a story in which a pair of sunglasses plays an important part.

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