



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

Recently, you won a prize which you were not expecting to win (perhaps for academic studies, for an extra-curricular activity or for a competition outside school). Your Principal asks you to write an article for the school magazine about winning the prize.

Write your **magazine article**. You must include the following:

- what you received the prize for **and** why you were not expecting to win it
- details of how other people helped you to win the prize
- how you will benefit from winning the prize.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your magazine article interesting and informative. Start your magazine article with a suitable headline.

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 the scene at a busy roadside bus stop when the bus is very late. (Remember you are describing the place, the people and the atmosphere.)

Argument

- 3** ‘Schools should spend more time teaching practical skills which students may need in adult life, for example, how to cook, how to repair a car and how to be a good parent.’ Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4** In your community, there is a sum of money to build **either** a new school **or** a new medical centre. Which would you choose? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5** Write a story which includes the sentence: ‘On that particular day, the whole building was unexpectedly quiet.’
- 6** Write a story about an occasion when you had to say sorry to someone, even though it was a very difficult thing to do.

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