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Paper 1 Composition

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2 hours

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

This document consists of **2** printed pages.



Answer one question from Section A and one question from Section B.

You should write between 600 and 900 words for each composition.

Section A: Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing

- 1 Write a short story called *Mistaken Identity*. Your writing should create a situation which has a surprising ending.
- 2 Write the opening chapter of a novel called *The Survivors*. In your writing create an atmosphere of mystery and tension.
- 3 Write two contrasting pieces (between 300–450 words each) based on the thoughts of an elderly couple. In the first piece one partner remembers the early days of their relationship, and in the second the other partner reflects on their lives together now. In your writing create a sense of contrasting emotions and attitudes.
- 4 Write a descriptive piece about a location (such as a building or a landscape) which has remained unchanged for a long time.

Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 'There is far too much money in sport.' What do you think – and why?
- 6 Write two contrasting newspaper articles (between 300–450 words each), one called 'Only Science Can Save Us' and the other called 'Faith Is What the World Needs'. In the articles you should develop reasons and examples for both points of view.
- 7 'No one is above the law.'

'Rules sometimes need to be broken.'

Which view are you in closer agreement with – and why?
- 8 Your regional authority needs to make cutbacks to public services (such as hospitals, transport and libraries). Managers of two different public services write letters to the authority explaining why they should **not** have their funds cut. Write both letters (between 300–450 words each).

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