

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LANGUAGE & LITERATURE IN ENGLISH
PAPER 2 Composition

8693/2
8695/2

MAY/JUNE SESSION 2002

2 hours

Additional materials:
Answer paper

TIME 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/ answer booklet.

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

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.



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

Write between 600 and 900 words for each composition

Section A: Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing

- 1 Write a descriptive piece about an old building due to be replaced by a new one. In describing each building you should try to create clear contrasts in mood and atmosphere.
- 2 The radio drama-script you are writing involves two characters' different viewpoints on an ordinary event which has dramatically changed both their lives. Each character expresses his or her view through a soliloquy or monologue. Write both pieces (300–450 words each), trying to capture the differences in their thoughts and feelings.
- 3 Write a complete short story in which there is an unusual surprise or twist at the end.
- 4 Choose **one** of the following types of story: thriller **or** romance. Based on your choice, write the opening of a story which tries to capture an appropriate sense of mood and atmosphere.

Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 'Home is where the heart is.'
'Travel broadens the mind.'
With which view do you have more sympathy?
- 6 You have been asked to write a magazine article for middle-aged readers called 'The Way to a Healthier Life'. The article should try to persuade the reader in a lively and imaginative way that it is not too late to change the habits of a lifetime.
- 7 Should animals have the same rights as human beings?
- 8 You are in charge of allocating funds for developments in your community. The list has been narrowed down to two potential ideas: a tree-planting scheme and library improvements. There is only enough money to fund one of them. You make your decision and the unsuccessful applicant writes to you asking you to explain your decision. Write the letter you would send in reply.