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Paper 2 Composition

Paper 1 Composition

**May/June 2008**

**2 hours**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**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.

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This document 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 You are in paradise. What is it like?
- 2 Write two contrasting pieces (between 300–450 words each) describing your first day at school and your last day at school. In your writing you should try to bring out contrasts in mood and atmosphere.
- 3 Write the opening chapter to a novel called *In the City of the Future*. In your writing you should try to bring out a sense of setting and character.
- 4 Write a descriptive piece called 'The Storm'. In your writing you should try to bring out an increasing sense of the power and force of extreme weather.

**Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing**

- 5 Does history teach us anything?
- 6 A media website which displays reviews has invited contributions from its users about a particular book, film or television programme. Write two users' contrasting reviews (between 300–450 words each) about the same title, bringing out clear reasons for their different opinions.
- 7 'The punishment should fit the crime.' Do you agree?
- 8 You have been invited to write a brief article for a teenage magazine in which you offer advice to its readers on dealing with stress and adopting a healthy lifestyle. Write the article.

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