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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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Paper 2 Composition

**October/November 2011**

**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**

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

**Section A: Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing**

- 1 Write a short story called *An Unusual Day Out*. In your writing create a mood of tension and suspense.
- 2 Write a descriptive piece called *The Airport*. In your writing create a detailed sense of people and setting.
- 3 'A whole new world opened up before them: they had never been told it was going to be like this ...'  
Continue the opening to this story (although you do not have to write a complete story). In your writing create a sense of a mysterious future.
- 4 Write the memories of a narrator who recalls a special and influential event in her/his life. In your writing create a sense of character and place.

**Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing**

- 5 'Organised religion does more harm than good.' What do you think?
- 6 Write **two** letters (between 300–450 words each) to a national newspaper. One letter argues that tourism is good for your country; the other letter argues that tourism is doing lasting harm to it.
- 7 Does democracy work? You should give detailed reasons for your views.
- 8 Which three famous people from history would you invite to have a meal with you – and what would be your reasons for doing so?

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