

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE  
General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**8693/2**

**LANGUAGE & LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

**8695/2**

PAPER 2 Composition

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER SESSION 2001**

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.

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**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 dramatic monologue, either as a play for the stage or as a script for radio, where the speaker gradually reveals his/her character to us.
- 2 You have been asked to write the first chapter of your autobiography in an imaginative and unusual way. You do not necessarily have to begin at the beginning of your life.
- 3 Write a descriptive piece about two contrasting kinds of weather affecting the same place. You should try to capture the changes and different feelings they bring.
- 4 Using a first-person narrator (that is, writing as 'I') write the opening section of a story called 'The Journey'. The journey may be real or imaginary. You should try to create the thoughts and feelings of the narrator as the journey begins.

**Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing**

- 5 Write a newspaper article in which you give a highly favourable review to a film, television programme or radio programme. You should try to convince your readers that they, too, should see or listen to it.
- 6 'Money makes the world go round.'  
'Love of money is the root of all evil.'  
Which view are you in closer agreement with, and why?
- 7 What kind of world do you think science will give us one hundred years from now?
- 8 A friend of yours is threatening to take revenge against someone he/she suspects of breaking into his/her home. Write a letter to your friend giving your own advice as to the best course of action to follow.