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Paper 2 Composition

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.

Write between 600 and 900 words for each composition.

Section A: Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing

- 1 Write two contrasting pieces (between 300–450 words each) describing a sunrise and a sunset over the same place on the same day. In your writing you should try to bring out differences in mood and atmosphere.
- 2 Using two interior monologues (between 300–450 words each), write a script for radio in which two members of the same family offer different reactions to the arrival of a newcomer to their household. In your writing you should try to bring out their emotions and the reasons for their feelings.
- 3 Write a short story called ‘The Confession’ in which the narrator gradually reveals the real reasons why he or she behaved in a certain way.
- 4 Write the short opening chapter of a novel called *Dark Star*. In your writing you should try to bring out a sense of a futuristic and mysterious world.

Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 ‘East is East and West is West ... and never shall they meet.’

Can the world ever live in harmony?
- 6 You have just read an article in a teenage magazine which argues that young people’s increased access to the media and new technology is beneficial for a number of reasons. You feel very strongly about this and write to the magazine disagreeing with the ideas in the article. Write the letter.
- 7 If you had unlimited wealth, what would you do with it – and why?
- 8 You have been invited to reply to an article which appeared recently in your local newspaper. In the article the writer argued that women’s rights have been taken too far and that men feel that they have lost their status and identity. Write your reply.

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