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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 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.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

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.

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

Section A: Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing

- 1 Write the short opening chapter of a novel called *Lost in the Crowd*. In your writing create a sense of character and place.
- 2 Write a short story called *Twenty Four Hours* in which the narrator describes two contrasting episodes (between 300–450 words each) of her or his experiences in a single day.
- 3 Write a descriptive piece called *A Country Scene in the Early Evening*. In your writing create a sense of mood and setting.
- 4 Two people disagree over who owns a particular piece of property. Write two contrasting pieces, each by a different narrator, in which each one reveals why she or he is the wronged party in the dispute (between 300–450 words each). In your writing create a sense of contrasting motivations and personalities.

Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 'All members of any society need to respect and obey the law – whatever the situation.' What do you think – and why?
- 6 A newspaper invites you to write an article called 'The Grumpy Person's Guide to Holidays'. In it you explain why you dislike holidays. Write the article.
- 7 'Multi-national companies do more harm than good.' Do you agree? You should give detailed reasons in your answer.
- 8 A magazine invites you to write an article aimed at older readers called 'Making the Most of Your Retirement'. In it you offer them guidance and advice on using their new-found freedom constructively. Write the article.

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