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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.

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 a descriptive piece called *The Wedding*. In your writing create a sense of setting and atmosphere.
- 2 Write the short opening chapter of a novel called *The Spy*. In your writing create a sense of mystery and suspense.
- 3 Write a short story called *Bright Star*. In your writing create a sense of a futuristic and unusual world.
- 4 Write a story called *The Truth* in which you reveal the real reasons for your behaviour at an event in the past.

Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

- 5 'Democracy is really a myth: a small group at the top always has the real power.' What do you think – and why?
- 6 A magazine aimed at young teenagers publishes profiles of a new boy band/girl band. Each of the three members of this band wants to be regarded as an individual rather than just as a member of the band. Write the profiles (which should be about 200–300 words each).
- 7 'Being the best is not necessarily as important as it is made out to be.' Do you agree? You should give detailed reasons in your answer.
- 8 Write a newspaper article called 'Improving Your Chances.' In it you give guidance and advice to teenagers on how they can be successful when attending job interviews.

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