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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (HALF CREDIT)**

**0396/01**

Paper 1 Composition

**October/November 2009**

**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.

Write between 600 and 900 words for each composition.

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

- 1 Write a descriptive passage entitled *Shadows*. In your writing bring out a sense of mystery and suspense.
- 2 Write the opening chapter of a novel entitled *The New World*. In your writing create a sense of setting and atmosphere.
- 3 Write a short story entitled *The Confession*. In your writing bring out a sense of the narrator's psychology and motivation.
- 4 You are completely lost: you are not sure where you are or where you are going. What can you see? What can you hear? How do you feel?

**Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing**

- 5 'Peaceful – rather than violent – protest is the most effective means of securing change.' Do you agree?
- 6 You have been asked to write an article called 'Positive Thinking' for a magazine aimed at older readers. In it you offer guidance and advice for readers on how to enhance their outlook on life. Write the article.
- 7 'There is certainly life in outer space.'  
  
'Aliens? UFOs? All of it is nonsense.'  
  
What do you think – and why?
- 8 You have been invited to participate in a public speaking competition at school. You decide to base your speech on the title 'The Ingredients for Success in Life'. Write the speech.

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