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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/12**

Paper 1 Writing

**October/November 2011**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

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 both **Section One** and **Section Two**.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.



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**Section 1: Directed Writing**

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this part: 30.

**Task**

You have decided to write a letter to the local newspaper about the problems of traffic in your area.

Write your **letter**. You must include the following:

- details of the traffic problems (such as names of specific locations, times of day, types of vehicles **and** other relevant details) so that the Editor and the readers will know what you are concerned about
- what should be done to solve the problem
- what benefits would come to the community.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter informative and persuasive for the Editor and the readers. Start your letter 'Dear Editor,' and remember to provide a suitable ending.

**Section 2: Creative Writing**

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the head of your essay put the number of the topic you have chosen.

**You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. Total marks for this part: 30.**

- 1 Describe and explain some of the ways in which you have changed since you started your present school **and** some of the ways in which your personality remains the same. (Remember that you are describing your personality and not just telling stories about yourself.)
- 2 Which two ideas, customs or beliefs from a foreign country would you like to introduce into your country?
- 3 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'They both agreed with the decision but were not happy about it...'
- 4 Puzzles.
- 5 Write a story in which love overcomes prejudice. (Remember that you should include full details of the prejudice, to show that it is an important part of your story.)

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