Cambridge International AS & A Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Reading

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2 hours 15 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are not allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].



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Section A: Directed response

Question 1

Read the following text, which is an extract from an article about child prodigies, published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper.

(a) You decide to write a letter to the newspaper in response to the article, expressing your opinions about the issues it raises. Use 150 to 200 words.

[10]

(b) Compare your letter with the article, analysing form, structure and language.

[15]

46 hours a week of practice: When is enough, enough for prodigy children?

The golfer

Sahara Hillman-Varma goes for a jog most mornings before school then practises golf for two or three hours every afternoon.

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But he said parents should only do what was possible given the time and cost restraints and the needs of other family members.

Section B: Text analysis

Question 2

Read the following text, which is a review of a virtual reality experience designed by the sculptor Antony Gormley.

Analyse the text, focusing on form, structure and language.

[25]

The moon is deeply embedded in our artistic culture – we sing about it, write about it, make films about it and in return it affects our very being through its lunar cycles.

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And, for me, *Lunatick* hit that message home above all else.

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