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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**0990/21**

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

May/June 2020**2 hours**

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Section A: answer Question 1.
Section B: answer **one** question.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

This document has **12** pages. Blank pages are indicated.

Read Text A and Text B in the insert and then answer **Section A, Question 1** on this question paper.

Section A: Directed Writing

Question 1

Imagine you have a rich relative who is considering whether or not to reserve a seat on one of the first tourist space flights and they have asked you for your views.

Write a letter to your relative.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the ideas and opinions in both texts
- give your own views to your relative, based on what you have read.

Base your letter on what you have read in **both** texts, but be careful to use your own words. Address both of the bullet points.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 25 marks for the quality of your writing.

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This image shows a full page of a handwriting practice worksheet. It consists of multiple rows of horizontal dashed lines spaced evenly down the page, providing a guide for letter height and placement. The background is plain white, and there are no other markings or text present.

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Section B: Composition

Answer **one** question from Section B.

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions. Answer on this question paper.

Up to 16 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 24 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

EITHER

Descriptive Writing

2 Describe a room in a house that belongs to an older person.

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe moving from a stressful place to one which is peaceful.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a narrative about a time you had an important responsibility.

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a narrative which includes the words, 'I was so focused'.

Please write your chosen question number here (2, 3, 4, 5):

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