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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

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Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

May/June 2023

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. Any 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

Your friend has been asked by their boss at work to apologise to a colleague for missing a meeting. Your friend is unsure whether to apologise and how to apologise so that their boss is satisfied.

Write a letter to your friend, giving advice on what they should do.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the ideas about apologising given in both texts
- explain why your friend should or should not apologise, and how to deal with the situation at work.

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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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 before and after being decorated or renovated.

OR

- 3** Write a description with the title, 'The performer'.

OR**Narrative Writing**

- 4** Write a story which includes the words, '... I set off as usual that day ...'.

OR**Narrative Writing**

- 5** Write a story with the title, 'Out of time'.

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

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