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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

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Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

May/June 2024

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

A friend has asked for advice about whether or not to lie to avoid attending an event that they might find boring or embarrassing.

Write a letter to your friend, giving your advice.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the ideas, attitudes and opinions in both texts
- give advice to your friend about how to respond, giving your reasons for the approach you suggest.

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 Write a description with the title, 'Underwater'.

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe a piece of furniture that is important to you.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that involves a disguise or a deception.

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story with the title, 'It's only a game'.

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

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This image shows a full page of a worksheet designed for handwriting practice. It features approximately 20 horizontal dashed lines spaced evenly across 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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