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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

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Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

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2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

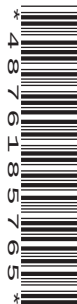
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INSTRUCTIONS

- 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

Imagine you are an employee of a business in which listening to podcasts is not allowed.

Write a letter to persuade your boss that staff should be allowed to listen to podcasts in their workplace.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the ideas, attitudes and opinions about podcasts given in both texts
- consider the concerns your boss might have
- suggest some of the benefits of staff listening to podcasts, based on what you have read, for both the staff and the business.

Base your letter on what you have read in **both** texts, but be careful to use your own words. Address all 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 an object that has been broken for a long time.

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Write a description with the title 'A special building – inside and outside'.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that includes the words '... I realised I had been here before ...'.

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story with the title 'The ball'.

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

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