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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**0990/02**

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

For examination from 2020

SPECIMEN PAPER

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. 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 a pupil in a school which does not have a school council.

Write a speech to be given in a school assembly, giving your views on whether or not students should participate in decisions made about the school.

In your speech you should:

- evaluate the views given in both texts about student participation
- give your own views, based on what you have read, about whether a school council would benefit students and teachers.

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

Begin your speech: 'Thank you for coming to listen to me today ...'.

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 occasion when a group of people are eating together.

OR**Descriptive writing**

3 Describe a busy train or bus station.

OR**Narrative writing**

4 Write a story that includes the words, '... nothing could have prepared him for what he saw ...'.

OR**Narrative writing**

5 Write a story that involves a character new to the area.

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

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