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## FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/23

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

**Write an article** for your school or college newspaper about how young people should communicate in their first jobs.

In your article you should:

- evaluate the ideas, attitudes and opinions in both texts
- advise young people on the factors they should consider when communicating with their work colleagues.

Base your article 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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**[Turn to page 6 for Section B]**

**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 place as you explore it for the first time.

**OR**

**Descriptive writing**

**3** Describe an outfit before and after a messy activity.

**OR**

**Narrative writing**

**4** Write a story which involves remembering something you'd forgotten.

**OR**

**Narrative writing**

**5** Write a story with the title, 'Home at last'.

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

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