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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/23

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

May/June 2025

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 school has organised a visit to an area of great natural beauty. To appreciate the experience more fully, the headteacher has decided that students will only be allowed access to their mobile phones in an emergency, not to take pictures.

Write a letter to the headteacher giving your views on this decision.

In your letter, you should:

- evaluate the ideas, attitudes and opinions given in the texts
- consider whether the experience will be more rewarding with or without the ability to take pictures.

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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[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 an uncomfortable ride on public transport.

OR**Descriptive writing**

- 3 Describe someone working outdoors.

OR**Narrative writing**

- 4 Write a story which involves making a new friendship.

OR**Narrative writing**

- 5 Write a story with the title, 'The last one'.





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

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Additional page

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