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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/22

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

February/March 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.

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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 a speech to an audience of young people about attitudes to owning books and keeping them.

In your speech you should:

- evaluate the ideas, attitudes and opinions in the texts about buying and keeping books
- give your own views, based on the texts, on some of the factors which should influence young people's attitudes to buying and keeping books.

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.

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 of a dramatic landscape.

OR**Descriptive writing**

- 3 Write a description with the title, 'A moment of frustration'.

OR**Narrative writing**

- 4 Write a story which includes the words, '... I could not escape from the noise ...'.

OR**Narrative writing**

- 5 Write a story with the title, 'Reaching new heights'.





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

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