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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/31

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

May/June 2016

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **two** questions in the space provided: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**.
If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passage for use with **Question 1** in **Section 1** on the Question Paper.

The Reading Booklet Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **11** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

Read carefully the transcript of the radio interview in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question 1

Imagine you are a listener who has moved from the city to the countryside and found it beneficial.

Write a letter to Mr Schmit, in response to the views given in the radio interview. In your letter you should:

- evaluate Mr Schmit's reasons for moving his family to the countryside
- explain why you think the move did not work.

Base your letter on what you have read in the transcript, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the two bullet points.

Begin your letter, 'Dear Mr Schmit...'

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Section 2: Composition

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions. Answer on this Question Paper.

Up to 13 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 12 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

Descriptive Writing

- 2 Imagine you discover a box filled with objects you collected as a small child. Describe some of the objects, and your thoughts and feelings as you look at them.

OR

- 3 Imagine you are waiting in a café for a friend who is very late. Describe your surroundings and your thoughts and feelings as you wait.

OR

Narrative Writing

- 4 Write a story entitled, 'The New Beginning'.

OR

- 5 'This was too exciting a temptation to resist.' Write a story in which these words appear.

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Additional Page

If you use the following lined page to complete the answer(s) to any question(s), the question number(s) must be clearly shown.

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