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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

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Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

October/November 2014

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**. Answer in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passage for use with **Question 1, Section 1** on this Question Paper. The 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 **10** printed pages, **2** blank pages and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

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Section 2: Composition

Write about 2 sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting, on **one** of the following questions.

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

Argumentative/Discursive writing

- 2 (a) Parents and other adults often influence children's career choices. Do you think this is a good thing?

OR

- (b) 'Our grandchildren will not recognise the world we live in now.' Do you think this statement is true? Give examples to explain your views.

Descriptive writing

- 3 (a) You have struggled for some time to acquire a skill. Describe what you are doing at the moment of success, and your thoughts and feelings at this time.

OR

- (b) Imagine that you are watching a building being destroyed. Describe what you see and hear, and your thoughts and feelings about what used to happen in this place.

Narrative writing

- 4 (a) 'I'm afraid there's nothing else for it. We have to go back.' Write a story beginning with these words.

OR

- (b) Write a story about a practical joke which goes wrong.

[Turn to page 6 to answer Section 2]

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