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LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Writing

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2 hours

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer Question 1.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A: Shorter writing and reflective commentary**Question 1**

You have seen an announcement in a local newspaper asking people to send in letters describing their favourite building in the town. The letters will be published in a special edition of the newspaper next month. You decide to write a letter about a building you particularly like.

- (a) Write the text for the letter, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, describe the building and explain why you like it. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set. [10]

Section B: Extended writing

Answer **one** question.

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Question 2

You recently watched a new television news programme. Write a review of the news programme, which will be published in your school magazine. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 3

In class, you have been discussing the fast pace of modern life. Your teacher has asked you to write an article called *Slow down!* In your writing, focus on the challenges created by the speed of life these days, and discuss how people cope with these challenges. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 4

Write a story called *How Did That Happen?* about a holiday which did not go according to plan. In your writing, create a sense of anticipation and drama. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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