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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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

NB: Remember that Section 1 and Section 2 of this paper are worth the **same** number of marks, so you should divide your time carefully between them.

Answer both **Section 1** and **Section 2**.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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Section 1: Directed Writing

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this part: 30.

Task

Your friend recently asked you to deliver an item of value to a relative. Unfortunately this item was lost during the journey. You need to explain this in a letter to your friend.

Write your **letter**. You must include the following:

- when **and** how the item was lost
- your attempt to find it
- an offer to replace or pay for the item.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter polite and apologetic. Start your letter 'Dear (name)', and remember to provide a suitable ending.

Section 2: Creative Writing

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the head of your essay put the number of the topic you have chosen.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. Total marks for this part: 30.

- 1 Describe two locations, one in the countryside and one in a town or city, which are special to you. (Remember that you are describing the contrasting scenes rather than what you do there.)
- 2 'Being very popular brings as many disadvantages as advantages.' What is your opinion?
- 3 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'The job was extremely hard and the weather made it more difficult.'
- 4 Medicines.
- 5 Write a story in which someone behaves completely out of character. (Remember that you should include details of the person's **usual** character before the incident which leads to unusual behaviour.)

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