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LANGUAGE & LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 2 Writing May/June 2014

2 hours

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, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.



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Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

All questions carry equal marks.

You should write between 600–900 words for each question.

Section A: Imaginative writing

- **1** Write the opening to a short story called *Moonlight*. In your writing, create a sense of threat and fear.
- Write two descriptive pieces (between 300–450 words each), the first about a busy location viewed at ground level and the second about the same location viewed from a position much higher up. In your writing, create a sense of setting and mood.
- Write a piece in which the narrator describes in detail a scene in which she or he feels a sense of wonder at the natural world. In your writing, focus on colours and textures to help your reader imagine the scene.

Section B: Writing for an audience

- 4 Two applicants apply for the same online job vacancy. They are required to submit descriptions of their qualities and experience and the reasons why they are suitable for the position. Write the text for each application (between 300–450 words each). In your writing, create a sense of the applicants' different backgrounds and outlooks.
- A local newspaper publishes a feature called *Retirement Should Be Compulsory: Make Way for the Young*. One reader feels strongly about the article and writes a letter to the newspaper to express her or his views. Write the letter. In your writing, create a sense of controlled and reasoned argument.
- A human aid charity wishes to increase its funds. It makes a short promotional film to describe and explain the work that it does and its hopes for the future. Write the script for the voiceover of the film. In your writing, create a sense of a positive and realistic appeal.

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