
LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 2 Writing

May/June 2019

2 hours

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

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.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.



This document consists of **2** printed pages, **2** blank pages and **1** Insert.

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

All questions carry equal marks.

You should write 600–900 words for each question.

Section A: Imaginative writing

- 1 Write a story which begins with the following sentence: *Suddenly everything was silent; he stood still, not knowing what to do next.* In your writing, create a sense of suspense and drama.
- 2 Write two contrasting descriptive pieces (300–450 words each): the first about an old and unused building in a town centre; and the second about the same building, being used as a community centre a year later. In your writing, create a sense of atmosphere and place.
- 3 Write a descriptive piece called *The Harbour*. In your writing, create a sense of atmosphere, and focus on colour and sound to help your reader imagine the scene.

Section B: Writing for an audience

- 4 You recently attended an open day at a university, to look around and decide if you would like to study there in the future. Write a report for your school magazine, describing the facilities and giving your impression of what it would be like to study there.
- 5 A newspaper recently invited readers to write articles responding to the opinion that children have too many rules in their lives. Write two contrasting articles (300–450 words each): one supporting the opinion; and the other challenging it.
- 6 Write the voiceover script for a TV news report about the discovery of some ancient treasure in your area. In your writing, create a sense of excitement and focus on the importance of the occasion.

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