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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/32

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

October/November 2013

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. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

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.



Section 1: Directed Writing

- 1 Read carefully the article on ‘*Why I’m teaching happiness*’ in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer Section 1, Question 1 on this Question Paper.

Write a letter to the Headteacher, expressing your views on teaching about happiness.

You may agree or disagree with the Headteacher’s arguments.

In your letter you should:

- explore and evaluate the Headteacher’s views
- use your own ideas to support your comments on the Headteacher’s views.

Base your letter on the article, but be careful to use your own words.

Begin your letter: ‘Dear Headteacher...’.

Write between 1½ and 2 sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Section 2: Composition

Write about two 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) Should a government influence people's diets? What are your views?

OR

(b) 'Combat sports, where the aim is to injure one's opponent, should be banned.' What are your views on this subject?

Descriptive Writing

3 (a) You come across an abandoned building you never knew existed. Describe its exterior and surroundings before giving details of how you enter. Describe the atmosphere inside and everything your senses experience as you explore the building.

OR

(b) Describe a place called 'Paradise on Earth'.

Narrative Writing

4 (a) Write a story entitled 'The Great Pretender'.

OR

(b) Write about how an old film had been obtained secretly.

[Turn to page 6 to answer Section 2]

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If you use the following lined pages to complete the answer(s) to any question(s), the question number(s) must be clearly shown.

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If you use the following lined pages to complete the answer(s) to any question(s), the question number(s) must be clearly shown.

[Area containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing answers.]

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