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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/03**

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition **For Examination from 2019**

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Reading Booklet Insert

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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Write in dark blue or black pen.
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DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **two** questions in the space provided: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**.
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Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passages for use with **Question 1** in **Section 1** on the Question Paper.
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The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Read carefully the fact file and the magazine article in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question 1

Imagine that your aunt and uncle are considering educating your cousin at home and have asked for your views. Your cousin is an only child and, in your opinion, rather spoilt.

Write a letter to your aunt and uncle in which you should explain:
- the advantages of being home schooled
- the reasons why home-schooling may not be advisable
- why you would or would not recommend home-schooling for your cousin.

Base your letter on the fact file and the magazine article, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the three bullets.

Begin your letter: 'Dear Aunt and Uncle … '

Write about 250 to 350 words.

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

Questions 2 and 3

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions. Answer on this Question Paper.

Up to 13 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 12 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

Descriptive Writing

2 (a) Describe the scene and atmosphere when you visit a theme park, fairground or carnival.

OR

2 (b) Describe the last moments before you leave a place for ever.

Narrative Writing

3 (a) 'The figure in the long, black coat.' Use this as the title of a narrative.

OR

3 (b) Write a story that starts with the opening of a door to a room that you are not supposed to enter.

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Please write your chosen question number here (**2(a)**, **2(b)**, **3(a)** or **3(b)**): .....

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