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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

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.

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**.



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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

- 1 Recently you became aware of a person in your area who quietly does a lot to help members of the community who have problems. However, very few people know about this. You decide to write a letter to your local newspaper to make readers aware of the good work.

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

- details about the person **and** where this good work is done
- a description of the good work **and** how it benefits the community
- suggestions for how the newspaper readers could become involved.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter polite and informative. Start your letter 'Dear Editor,' and remember to add an appropriate 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.

Topics 2–6

- 2 Contrast the scene and the atmosphere in a shop that you like to visit and in one you do not like. (Remember you are describing the atmosphere, the surroundings **and** the people, not just what is happening.)
- 3 Do you think it is possible for celebrities to have private lives? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'I realised only at the last minute that I had forgotten something important.'
- 5 Crowds.
- 6 Write a story in which a small painting plays an important part.

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