



Cambridge O Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section 1: answer Question 1.
 - Section 2: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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Section 1: Directed Writing

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this section: 30

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for following the task instructions.

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for the language you use.

Question 1

Your Principal wants to make your school more environmentally friendly. You have an idea which you think will help. Your Principal asks you to write an article for the school magazine to explain your idea and to ask other students to help you.

Write your **magazine article**. You must include the following:

- what your school already does to help the environment
- details of your idea **and** how the other students can help
- how the whole school will benefit.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your magazine article interesting and informative. Start your magazine article with a suitable headline.

Section 2: Composition

Begin your answer on a new page of your answer booklet.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the beginning of your composition put the number of the task you have chosen.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. You will be awarded marks for accurate use of language and relevant content: 30.

Questions 2–6**Description**

- 2** Describe what the place where you live is like in the early morning and in the early evening. (Remember you are describing the atmosphere, the activities and any people as well as the place.)

Argument

- 3** 'In the future, schools will not exist and all education will be done online at home.' Would this be a good thing? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4** 'People are influenced more by their friends than by their families.' Do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5** Write a story which includes the sentence: 'It was easy to see why everyone wanted to meet him.'
- 6** Write a story about a person with a hidden talent.

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