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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer both **Section One** and **Section Two**.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.



This document consists of **3** printed pages and **1** blank page.



Section 1: Directed Writing

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

Task

Recently you witnessed a major disturbance at a railway station when many people were injured. You are asked by the local police to write an **account** of what you saw.

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

- when and where the incident happened **and** how close you were to the scene
- the cause of the disturbance **and** what exactly happened
- some of the ways in which people tried to help.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your account informative and helpful for the police to show you are a reliable witness. Start your account 'To the Police...' and remember to add your signature and the date.

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.

- 1 Describe a time when you prefer to be alone **and** a time when you like to be part of a crowd. (Remember that you are describing the atmosphere and your feelings, not telling a story.)
- 2 What are the advantages **and** disadvantages of attending **either** a small school with few students **or** a large school with many students?
- 3 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'As we entered the building, the other people smiled as if they knew something we did not.'
- 4 Bullies.
- 5 Write a story about someone who returned to a village or town after a long time away. (You should include full details of why the person went away to show that it is an important part of your story.)

