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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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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 A very popular teacher at your school is leaving after a long and successful career. The staff, students and parents are going to celebrate the teacher's career at a ceremony where the Principal will make a thank-you speech. The Principal asks you to write a report which gives information for the thank-you speech. The Principal also wants suggestions from you for what else to include in the ceremony.

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

- the name of the teacher **and** an outline of the teacher's career
- examples of what has made the teacher so popular and successful with students
- what events the students think should be included in the ceremony **and** why.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make sure your report is polite and informative. Start your report 'To the Principal' and remember to supply a signature and 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.

Topics 2–6

- 2 Describe the scene before **and** during an important celebration in your community. (Remember you can describe the atmosphere, the surroundings **and** the people.)
- 3 What is the best advice that anyone has ever given you **and** what is the worst advice? Explain how each piece of advice affected you.
- 4 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'It suddenly became clear that they were not as lazy as everyone said they were.'
- 5 Competitions.
- 6 Write a story in which a locked door plays an important part.

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