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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.

Note: 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.

- 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.

Task 1

Many new students join your school every year. Your Principal wants to make starting at the school as easy as possible for these new students and she asks you to write a report for her about how to do this.

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

- some of the difficulties that you and other students had when you joined the school
- suggestions about what the school can do to help new students
- how the students **and** the school will benefit.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your report polite and informative. Start your report 'To the Principal'. Remember to give a name and a date.

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.

Tasks 2–6

Description

- 2 Describe the most helpful person **and** the most unhelpful person you know. (Remember you can describe their appearance as well as their character and behaviour.)

Argument

- 3 Would you prefer to live in the centre of a busy city or in a quiet neighbourhood? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 What are the arguments for and against space travel to other planets? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the words: ‘When they did not agree with her solution, she felt angry.’
- 6 Write a story in which two people unexpectedly agreed to help each other.

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