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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.

N.B: 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

Your school is very popular and the number of students is increasing. This means that it is more difficult to buy snacks at break time. Your Principal wants to make break time easier for everyone. 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 have at break time
- suggestions about how the school can make break time easier
- 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 your 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 two different places where you would take a relative who is visiting you. (Remember you can describe the atmosphere and the surroundings, not just what you do there.)

Argument

- 3 Do you think elderly people are important in the family and modern society? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 What are the arguments for and against students working at part-time jobs while they are still at school? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the words: 'When they entered the room, we were impressed by what they were wearing.'
- 6 Write a story about someone who lost all his possessions while he was helping other people.

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