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**O Level**

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/12**

Paper 1 Writing

**May/June 2019**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

No Additional Materials are required.

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**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. Total marks for this part: 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.

### Task 1

There have been many problems with the public transport in your area. These problems have made travelling difficult. You decide to write a letter to the Editor of the local newspaper to explain how unhappy you are with the present situation.

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

- details of the problems with the public transport in your area
- an example of when **and** how you were affected
- what you think should be done to improve the situation.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter polite and informative. Start your letter 'Dear Editor', and remember to supply a suitable ending.

## 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. Total marks for this part: 30.**

### Tasks 2-6

#### Description

- 2 Describe **two** places near where you live which are beautiful in different ways. (Remember you can describe the places, the atmosphere and what makes the places so special.)

#### Argument

- 3 What are the most important qualities a friend should have? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 Is being a brave person always about using physical strength or are there other ways of being brave? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

#### Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'He spoke in such a nervous way, she thought he was going to change their plan.'
- 6 Write a story in which a map plays an important part.

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