



Cambridge O Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section 1: answer Question 1.
 - Section 2: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

This document has **4** pages. Blank pages are indicated.



Section 1: Directed Writing

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

Question 1

Your uncle and aunt own a shop which is busy and successful. You sometimes help in the shop during your holidays. Your English teacher asks you to make a speech to your class about the shop and your experience of working there.

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

- what kind of shop it is **and** what you do there
- why the shop is so busy and successful
- why working in the shop is a useful experience for you.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your speech interesting and informative. Start your speech: 'Good morning, everyone.'

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.

Questions 2–6

Description

- 2 Describe a very lively, noisy place you know and a very quiet one. (Remember that you are describing the atmosphere and any people as well as the places.)

Argument

- 3 'First impressions are nearly always wrong.' Do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 'There is too much pressure on people to follow fashion.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

- 5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'When they opened the jewellery box, they could not believe what was in it.'
- 6 Write a story in which a train ticket plays an important part.

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