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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/32

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

February/March 2017

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **two** questions in the space provided: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**.
If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passage for use with **Question 1** in **Section 1** on the Question Paper.

The Reading Booklet Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **11** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

Read carefully the speech in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question 1

Imagine you are the parent of a student at the school.

Write a letter to the headteacher of the school in which you should:

- identify and evaluate the issues raised in the speech
- explain your views on whether the headteacher’s proposals are the best way to benefit pupils at the school.

Base your letter on what you have read in the speech, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the bullet points.

Begin your letter, ‘Dear Headteacher...’.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Section 2: Composition**Questions 2, 3, 4 and 5**

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions. Answer on this Question Paper.

Up to 13 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 12 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

Descriptive Writing

2 Describe the scene before and as a theatrical production begins.

OR

3 Imagine you have been away from home for a long time. Describe what you see and your thoughts and feelings during your journey home.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that begins with the words, 'It felt as if I had been waiting all my life for this moment...'.
OR

OR

5 Write a story with the title, 'The Reunion'.

Ruled lines for writing

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