



Cambridge International Examinations
Cambridge Ordinary Level



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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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.

NB: 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**.

This document consists of **3** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** insert.

Section 1: Directed Writing

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this part: 30.



Task

- 1 Recently a plan was announced about the building of a new road which will pass through part of your area. Most residents support the plan but others are against it. You are in favour of the plan but understand both points of view. You decide to write a letter to your local newspaper to make clear your own ideas.

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

- why most people like the plan for the new road
- why other people object to it
- what changes to the plan could be made to satisfy those who do not like it.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter polite and persuasive. Start your letter 'Dear Editor,' and remember to add an appropriate ending.

Section 2: Creative Writing

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the head of your essay put the number of the topic you have chosen.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. Total marks for this part: 30.

**Topics 2–6**

- 2 Describe a long wait you had at a railway station or bus station. (Remember to describe the people, the surroundings and the atmosphere, as well as your feelings.)
- 3 Who do you think does the more important job, a teacher or a nurse? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'We had never been in such trouble before.'
- 5 Festivals.
- 6 Write a story about someone who went on a journey to keep a promise.