



Cambridge International Examinations  
Cambridge Ordinary Level



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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/11**

Paper 1 Writing

**October/November 2017**

**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.

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**.



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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 Your Principal wants to form a School Council (a group of teachers and students) to discuss ways of improving school life for everyone. You would like to apply to be one of the students on this School Council. You decide to write a letter to the Principal to say why you should be chosen.

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

- why you agree that a School Council is important
- a brief summary of your personal qualities and achievements **and** why they make you suitable for the position
- the improvements to school life you would like to suggest first **and** why.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter polite and persuasive. Start your letter 'Dear Principal' and remember to provide a suitable 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 how music affected you in different ways on **two** separate occasions. (Remember, as well as how it made you feel, you can describe the music itself and the atmosphere it created.)
- 3 What will you look forward to **and** what will you miss when your schooldays are over? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 4 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'When the announcement was made, two people got up and left the room.'
- 5 Clothes.
- 6 Write a story in which a diary plays an important part.