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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/02

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

For examination from 2027

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Section A: answer Question 1.
Section B: answer **one** question.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen. Do **not** use correction fluid or tape.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

This document has **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A: Directed Writing

Read Text A and Text B in the insert and then answer **Section A, Question 1(a)** and **1(b)**.

Question 1(a)

Reread this extract from **Text B**:

‘I’d worked for months to cultivate one prospective client,’ explains Jaz. ‘Everyone knew winning a big order from that client could be a deciding factor in which of us from the international sales team got promoted. Then I discover from a junior colleague that Ravi’s also trying to net this wealthy individual, even though Ravi knew I was already in pursuit! I knew if I ignored the situation, he’d just seal the deal, profiting shamelessly from all my slaving away, and our boss would promote Ravi. But if I’d directly confronted Ravi, it could’ve made me look petty and selfish. At the time, I calculated the best way to fight back was to be just as devious as Ravi.’

Use your own words to evaluate Jaz’s attitude to work. Give details from the text to justify your answer.

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Question 1(b)

Write an article offering advice to young people who are about to join the workplace.

Use your own words to write your article based on what you have read in both Text A and Text B.

In your article you should:

- outline the different attitudes to teamwork and competition people may have
- explain some of the challenges young people might face in different kinds of workplaces and how best to deal with them.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for reading and up to 25 marks for writing.

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Section B: Composition

Answer **one** question from Section B.

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions.

Up to 16 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer and up to 24 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

EITHER**Descriptive writing**

- 2 Imagine you return to a street you knew well. Write a description of the street as it was in the past and as it is now. [40]

OR

- 3 Describe an object that has been broken for a long time. [40]

OR**Narrative writing**

- 4 Write a story that begins with the words, 'If only I had realised earlier that she was not the person I thought she was.' [40]

OR

- 5 Write a story with the title, 'The ball'. [40]

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Additional page

If you use the following lined page to complete the answer to any question, the question number must be clearly shown.

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