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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0990/02**

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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**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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