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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/33**

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition **May/June 2014**

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**. Answer in the space provided. 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**, **Section 1** on the Question Paper. The 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 **10** printed pages, **2** blank pages and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

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Section 1: Directed Writing

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

Write a letter to the editor of the magazine in which you:

- identify and evaluate arguments presented in the article
- explain why you do or do not agree with the writer's views.

Base your letter on what you have read in the passage, but be careful to use your own words.

Begin your letter,

'Dear Editor,

I feel strongly about the article you published recently …'.

Write between 1½ and 2 sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting.

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

Write about two sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting, on **one** of the following questions.

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.

Argumentative/Discursive Writing

2 **(a)** 'Today's media is too powerful.' Do you agree?

OR

(b) 'Everything is done by robots nowadays, from building cars to looking after the elderly.' Give your views on the use of robots in some areas of life.

Descriptive Writing

3 **(a)** Describe an occasion when you received disappointing news. Include the thoughts and feelings of those involved.

OR

(b) You are being interviewed. Describe the people conducting the interview, and your thoughts and feelings as it progresses.

Narrative Writing

4 **(a)** 'Don't panic! I'm sure there's a solution.' Write a story beginning with these words.

OR

(b) Write a story with the title 'The End of the Road'.

[Turn to page 6 to answer Section 2]

Please write your chosen question number: (Question 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a or 4b) .....

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