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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/32**

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition **May/June 2015**

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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 in the space provided: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**. 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** in **Section 1** on the Question Paper.
The Reading Booklet Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question 1

Imagine that your school is considering the introduction of a course of lessons in optimism.

Write a letter to the headteacher of your school in response to the ideas about optimism that are discussed in the magazine article.

In your letter you should:

- identify and evaluate the arguments given in the article
- give your views on whether or not you think optimism can or should be taught in your school.

Base your letter on the magazine article, but be careful to use your own words.
Address each of the bullet points.

Begin your letter: 'Dear Headteacher…'

Write about 250 to 350 words.

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 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions. Answer on this Question Paper.

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.

Descriptive Writing

2 Imagine you return home after a long period away. Describe your surroundings and your thoughts and feelings as you return.

OR

3 Describe the atmosphere and your thoughts and feelings when you and your team win an important competition.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story which begins with a bitter disappointment.

OR

5 'Where on earth have you been?' Write a story which includes these words.

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Please write your chosen question number here 2, 3, 4 or 5: .....

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