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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/31**

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition **May/June 2017**

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 transcript in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1**, **Question 1** on this Question Paper.

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question 1

Imagine you are a pupil in a school where a decision has been made **either** to abolish **or** to introduce compulsory school uniform.

You have been invited by the headteacher to **write a letter** to him/her, giving your views and advice on the topic.

In your letter you should:

- select the relevant arguments in the transcript to support your views
- develop and evaluate those arguments to make a convincing case about whether school uniform should be abolished **or** introduced in your school.

Base your letter on what you have read in the transcript, 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

Questions 2, 3, 4 and 5

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 are standing at the top of the highest building for many miles around. Describe what you see and hear below you, and the scene around you at the top.

OR

3 Describe the scene from your position on the bank of a river.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story with the title, 'The Argument'.

OR

5 Write a story which involves breaking a rule.

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

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