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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/31**

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition **May/June 2018**

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.
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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.
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Read carefully the 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 you are a parent of a teenager who attends a school which is considering starting the school day two hours later.

Write a letter to the headteacher giving your views.

In your letter, you should:
- consider the advantages and disadvantages of starting school later for children, parents and the wider community
- explain the reasons why you agree or disagree with a later start for the school day.

Base your letter on what you have read in the passage, 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 On a long journey through an unfamiliar region, the bus on which you are travelling breaks down for a short time. Describe what you see and hear around you, and your thoughts and feelings as you wait.

OR

3 Describe an interesting building that you know well. Include your thoughts and feelings about it in your description.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that begins with an unexpected telephone call.

OR

5 Write a story with the title, 'Stolen'.

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