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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/23**

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition **May/June 2023**

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 or correction fluid.
- 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.

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Read Text A and Text B in the insert and then answer **Section A**, **Question 1** on this question paper.

Section A: Directed Writing

Question 1

A young child in your family has been selected to join an intensive training programme for their chosen sport and is eager to join. The child's parents have asked for your views about whether or not their child should join.

Write a **letter** to the child's parents. In your letter you should:

- evaluate the views, attitudes and ideas given in both texts
- discuss the factors the parents should consider before deciding
- based on what you have read, give your views on whether or not the child and their family will benefit from the programme.

Base your letter on what you have read in **both** texts, but be careful to use your own words. Address both of the bullet points.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 25 marks for the quality of your writing.

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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. Answer on this question paper.

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 Describe a set of new clothes.

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe the people in a park at different times of the year.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story that involves a meeting.

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story that includes the words, '… Was this the key? …'.

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

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