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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/31**

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition **October/November 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: **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 this Question Paper. This 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 of a radio interview in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question 1

Imagine you have heard the radio interview about homeopathic medicine and decide to write a letter to the presenter, Ms Sanderling, in response.

In your letter you should
- explore and evaluate the arguments of both sides
- give your own views on what you have heard.

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

Begin your letter: 'Dear Ms Sanderling, I heard your interview with Dr Schinkl today and felt I had to respond.'

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 Describe your thoughts and feelings on an occasion when you were desperate for someone or something to arrive.

OR

3 Imagine you are travelling in a cable car which stops unexpectedly. Describe your surroundings and your thoughts and feelings.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 You were walking along when someone rushed towards you, asking for help. Write a story which starts at this point.

OR

5 Write a story called ‘A Way Out’.

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

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