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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/31**

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition **October/November 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 article in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question 1

Write a letter to the writer in response to their article, 'E-readers vs. Books'.

In your letter you should:

- identify and evaluate the writer's views on e-readers
- explain how far you agree with the writer that people should buy books rather than e-readers.

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

Begin your letter, 'Dear Sir/Madam…'.

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 a river as it flows from its source high on a mountain.

OR

3 Describe a visit to an art gallery or museum.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story with the title, 'The Missed Opportunity'.

OR

5 Write a story that begins, 'Jas had to go back to the place where it had all started…' .

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

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