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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/23**

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition **October/November 2021**

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.

This document has **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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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

Imagine that your school is proposing a programme of visits to different museums for all students in your year group. Your headteacher has asked for your opinion.

Write a letter to your Headteacher.

In your letter you should:
- evaluate the views about museums in both texts
- give your own views, based on what you have read, about whether or not a programme of visits would be a good idea.

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 busy workplace.

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Write a description with the title, 'The beach by night'.

OR

Narrative Writing

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

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story that includes the words, '... I couldn't put it off any longer ...'.

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

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