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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/23**

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition **October/November 2025**

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

Section A: Directed writing

Question 1

Imagine a friend is about to start a new part-time job and is nervous about making a mistake when dealing with a customer or colleague on their first day.

Write a letter to your friend, giving your advice.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the ideas and opinions in the text about attitudes to making mistakes
- suggest to your friend the best way to approach day one to help them feel less nervous and less worried.

Base your **letter** on what you have read in the text, 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 Write a description of an area where children are playing.

OR

Descriptive writing

3 Write a description with the title, 'The athlete'.

OR

Narrative writing

4 Write a story that includes the words '… everything went quiet …'.

OR

Narrative writing

5 Write a story that involves someone showing determination.

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