Cambridge International Education

Cambridge O Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE **1123/11**

Paper 1 Writing **October/November 2023**

1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Section 1: answer Question 1.
  - Section 2: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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Section 1: Directed Writing

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this section: 30.

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for following the task instructions.

You will be awarded up to 15 marks for the language you use.

Question 1

A talented classmate has been chosen to represent your country at an international competition (this might be in sport, music or any other competition). Your classmate needs help to pay for travel and accommodation so you decide to hold an event to raise some of the money. Your Principal allows you to make a speech at a school assembly telling other students about the event you are planning.

Write your **speech**. You must include the following:

- the name of the classmate **and** details of the international competition
- details of the event you are planning
- how you would like other students to become involved in the event.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your speech informative and persuasive. Start your speech ‘Good morning, everyone.’

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Section 2: Composition

Begin your answer on a new page of your answer booklet.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the beginning of your composition put the number of the question you have chosen.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words.

You will be awarded marks for accurate use of language and relevant content: 30.

Questions 2–6

Description

2 Describe **two** events you went to, one of which was much better than you expected and one of which was disappointing. (Remember you are describing the places, the atmosphere and any people, as well as the events.)

Argument

3 'In order to have a positive effect on society, it is far more important to be kind than to be clever.' Do you think this is true? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

4 'Most young people think that solving environmental problems is the responsibility of older people.' Do you agree? Give reasons and details to support your view.

Narrative

5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'As they arrived at the station, their cousin appeared from nowhere.'

6 Write a story in which misunderstanding a message plays an important part.

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