Cambridge International Education

Cambridge O Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE **1123/12**

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

You spent part of your recent long vacation at an adventure camp, doing a wide range of activities with lots of other young people. You really liked some aspects of your stay at the camp but disliked others. Your English teacher has now asked you to make a speech to your class about your stay at the camp.

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

- where the camp was and how long you were there for
- how staying at the camp benefited you
- what you disliked about the camp **and** why.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your speech interesting and informative. 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 a typical lunch break at your school. Remember you are describing what people are doing (such as chatting to friends, playing sport or eating), where these activities are taking place, and the atmosphere.

Argument

3 'The benefits of healthy eating are now so well understood that no one has any excuse to eat an unhealthy diet.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

4 'It is better to have one or two really close friends than lots of different friends.' What is your opinion? Give reasons and details to support your view.

Narrative

5 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'Even though the weather was bad and their clothes were unsuitable, they knew they had to go.'

6 Write a story in which a lost phone plays an important part.

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