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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0990/21

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

May/June 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.

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

Write an article for your school or college magazine with the title, 'Small Change, Big Difference?'

In your article you should:

- evaluate the views given in both texts about saving the planet
- give your own views, based on what you have read, about whether your school or college can make a difference and how.

Base your article 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 an object you find hidden somewhere outdoors.

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe the moment you receive some welcome news.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story which includes the words, '... there was no signal at all ...'.

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story which involves getting help from an unusual source.

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

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