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Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

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2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **two** questions in the space provided: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passage for use with **Question 1, Section 1** on this Question Paper. The Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **11** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

Read carefully the magazine article about ‘Workplace Choirs’ in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question 1

Imagine you work for a traditional, family-run business. The owner, Mr Hsu, is keen on taking part in the next series of ‘Workplace Choirs’. Not all of the 45 staff are happy about the idea.

Mr Hsu has asked you to give your honest opinion on whether the business should take part or not.

Write a letter offering your opinion and advice.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the benefits **and** problems for the business if it takes part
- explain the concerns staff may have about taking part **and** how these concerns may be overcome.

Base your letter on what you have read in the article, but be careful to use your own words. Address both of the bullet points.

Begin your letter,
‘Dear Mr Hsu,
Taking part in this TV show could be...’.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Section 2: Composition**Questions 2, 3, 4 and 5**

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions. Answer on this Question Paper.

Up to 13 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 12 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

Descriptive Writing

- 2 Imagine you are just about to face a major challenge. Describe your thoughts and feelings as you begin.

OR

- 3 Describe the atmosphere and your thoughts and feelings at the end of a final performance.

OR

Narrative Writing

- 4 Write a story that begins, 'The figure moved swiftly and noiselessly, as if not wanting to be observed...'.

OR

- 5 Write a story which involves someone losing their way.

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Additional Page

If you use the following lined page to complete the answer(s) to any question(s), the question number(s) must be clearly shown.

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