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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/33**

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

**May/June 2013**

**2 hours**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

**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: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**. Answer in the space provided. 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 the 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 **10** printed pages, **2** blank pages and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.



**Section 1: Directed Writing**

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- 1** Read carefully the speech by a Headteacher about proposals for a major timetable change printed in the Reading Booklet Insert. Then answer Section 1, Question 1 on this Question Paper.

Imagine you are a senior student at the school.

**Write a letter to the Headteacher, expressing your views on what you have heard.**

You may agree or disagree with the Headteacher's proposals.

In your letter you should:

- identify and evaluate the Headteacher's views
- use your own ideas to support your comments on the Headteacher's views.

Base your letter on what you have read in the passage, but be careful to use your own words.

Begin your letter, 'Dear Headteacher...'.

Write between 1½ and 2 sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting.

**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**

Write about two sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting, on **one** of the following questions.

**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.**

**Argumentative/Discursive Writing**

- 2 (a) Give your views about boredom and how best to avoid it.

**OR**

- (b) Do you believe that there is any point in trying to preserve green spaces and wildlife in your country or another country?

**Descriptive Writing**

- 3 (a) Describe someone's home where you have always been welcome, and the people who live there.

**OR**

- (b) You witness, 50 years in the future, the opening of a time capsule containing objects buried today. Explain your thoughts and feelings as the capsule is opened, and describe some of the items.

**Narrative Writing**

- 4 (a) Write a story that involves meeting someone from the past.

**OR**

- (b) You are alone in a room when you accidentally stumble and steady yourself against the wall. The wall opens to reveal a passageway. You decide to explore and are entirely unprepared for what happens.

**[Turn to page 6 to answer Section 2]**





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