



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Specimen Paper 1 Writing

0561/01

October/November 20XX

hour 45 minutes

Additional materials: No additional materials required

CANDIDATE
NAME

CENTRE
NAME

INSTRUCTIONS

Shade using an HB pencil, do not use ink.

Erase unwanted marks completely.

Do not use correction fluid.

Do not make any stray marks on this form.

Mark answers by shading the oval heavily, like this: - ●

CENTRE NUMBER			
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CANDIDATE NUMBER			
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1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9

INSTRUCTIONS

- Write in dark blue or black pen.
- Write your candidate name, centre name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on this first page.
- Answer **both Section A and Section B**.
- Answer the question you have chosen using the spaces provided in the question paper.
- Do **not** use highlighters, glue or correction fluid.
- Do **not** use dictionaries during the examination.
- DO **NOT** WRITE ON BARCODES.

INFORMATION

- The total marks for this paper is **60**.
- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **16** printed pages.



Section A [40 marks]

CREATIVE WRITING

Write on **one** of the following topics. Write the number of the question you have chosen at the top of the page. You are advised to spend **one hour** on this section. Write 350 to 500 words, leaving enough time to check your work.

- 1 Peer Pressure can be positive.
- 2 Describe a situation where everyone was extremely surprised.
- 3 Write a story based on **one** of the following:

EITHER (a) "I'm so excited for you!" exclaimed my mother.

OR (b) "Now I understand why you did it," said Tina.

- 4 The advantages of living in town are greater than the disadvantages. Discuss.
- 5 The world has become a better place with the introduction of cellular phones. How far do you agree?

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Section B [20 marks]**DIRECTED WRITING**

*Begin your answer on a fresh page. You are advised to spend about **30 minutes** on this section. Write about 200 to 250 words, leaving enough time to check your work.*

You are the Chairperson of the Village Development Committee in your area. The people in your community are complaining about lack of development in your village. As the Chairperson, write a letter to the Area Member of Parliament to raise the complaint on behalf of the community.

Your letter must include the following points:

- how the committee learnt about the people's complaint
- areas of the community where this lack of development is most obvious
- causes of this lack of development
- effects of this lack of development on the people
- suggestion of how the situation can be addressed.

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