



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS  
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/12**

Paper 1 Writing

**May/June 2011**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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

Answer both **Section 1** and **Section 2**.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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**Section 1: Directed Writing**

**You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this part: 30.**

**Task**

Your Principal wants to make sure that your school is doing all it can to encourage a healthy lifestyle for the students. The Principal has asked you to write a report suggesting the changes you think are needed in your school to make this possible.

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

- what is wrong at the moment, so that the Principal knows exactly what has to be changed
- what improvements you would like to see, both in the curriculum and the school facilities
- how you think students and the school would benefit from these changes.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your report informative and persuasive for the Principal. Start your **report** 'To the Principal,' and remember to add your signature and a date.

**Section 2: Creative Writing**

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

At the head of your essay put the number of the topic you have chosen.

**You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. Total marks for this part: 30.**

- 1 Describe the latest hobby, possession or activity in which you have become interested. Why does it give you so much pleasure?
- 2 Is it better to have comfort or excitement in life? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- 3 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'I was surrounded by important people, but no-one that I knew.'
- 4 Jealousy.
- 5 Write a story in which your first impressions of someone or something prove to be misleading. (Remember that you should include full details of your first impressions, to show how wrong you were.)

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