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LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Writing

For examination from 2021

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer Question 1.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A: Shorter writing and reflective commentary**Question 1**

Your headteacher has asked you to produce a leaflet called *Leaving Home*. The leaflet will be aimed at older teenagers who are going to live in another town or city to go to university.

- (a) Write the text for the leaflet, using no more than 400 words. In your writing, give advice and guidance on how to manage living away from your family for the first time. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set by your headteacher. [10]

Section B: Extended writing

Answer **one** question.

EITHER

Question 2

Your local newspaper is running a writing competition and you decide to enter. Write a descriptive piece called *The Storm*. In your writing, focus on sound, light and movement to help your reader imagine the scene. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 3

In class, you have been discussing whether sending criminals to prison is an effective way of reducing crime. Write an article for your school magazine. In your writing, discuss the advantages and disadvantages of sending criminals to prison. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

OR

Question 4

You have recently visited an exhibition of modern art at a museum. Write a review of the exhibition, which will be published on a website called *Art Today*. Write between 600 and 900 words. [25]

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