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LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Writing

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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 [].

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A: Shorter writing and reflective commentary

Question 1

You recently heard about a family who spent the school holiday travelling around their country on foot, without using any other form of transport. You decide to write an article about the benefits of travelling in this way, which will be published on a travel website.

- (a) Write the text for your article, using no more than **400** words. In your writing, create a sense of enthusiasm for travelling slowly. [15]
- (b) Write a reflective commentary on your text, explaining how your linguistic choices contribute to fulfilling the task set. [10]

Section B: Extended writing

Answer **one** question.

EITHER

Question 2

Write a story which begins with the following sentence: 'Lara ran through the house, desperately wondering where the box had been hidden.' In your writing, create a sense of drama and anticipation. Write between **600** and **900** words. [25]

OR

Question 3

Your family recently bought a new game, which you have played together a few times. You decide to write a review of the game, which will be published on an entertainment website. Write between **600** and **900** words. [25]

OR

Question 4

You are going to take part in a debate at school about whether it is better to donate money to a charity or to give your time by doing voluntary work. Your headteacher has asked you to open the debate by giving a speech on the topic. Write the text for your speech, discussing both points of view and creating an interest in the debate. Write between **600** and **900** words. [25]

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