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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 [].

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Section A: Shorter writing and reflective commentary

Question 1

You recently read a newspaper article which said that young people stay up far too late at night. You decide to write an email to the editor, in response to this article, giving your opinion.

- (a) Write the text for your email, using no more than **400** words. In your writing, give reasons to support your opinion. [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

Your class has just had a debate on whether it is better to grow up in a small family or in a large one. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay on the topic, giving your opinion. Write between **600** and **900** words. [25]

OR

Question 3

You have been watching a new TV drama series about a police detective. You decide to write a review of the series, which will be published on an entertainment website. Write between **600** and **900** words. [25]

OR

Question 4

Write a story which begins with the following sentence: 'I realised I had only two choices, and very little time to decide between them.' In your writing, create a sense of drama and suspense. Write between **600** and **900** words. [25]

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