

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

1123/12 **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

October/November 2010 Paper 1 Composition

1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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 Part One and Part Two.

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



Part One

Write on one of the following topics.

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

You are advised to spend about 60 minutes on this part of the paper and to write between 350 and 600 words. Total marks for this part: 40.

- **1** Describe your favourite place of entertainment and write about some of the people who work there.
- 2 Is it worse to have too little money or too much? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
- **3** Write about an occasion when someone made a great sacrifice to keep a best friend.
- 4 Silence.
- **5** Write a story which includes the words: 'Right! That's it! You have been late too often'.

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Part Two

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on this part of the paper and to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this part: 20.

Recently, in your school canteen, you witnessed a noisy argument between two pupils queuing for food. These two pupils have never liked each other. The Principal asks you to write an account of the incident.

Write your account. You must include details of the following:

- the date of the incident and the names of both pupils
- what started the argument in the canteen
- how the incident continued
- why the two pupils have always disliked each other so much
- what you think should happen to these two people now.

You must cover all five points in detail. You should add further details if you wish and make sure your account is accurate and helpful.

You should begin 'To the Principal...' and remember to add your signature and the date.

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