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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 **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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Answer one question from Section A and one question from Section B.

You should write between 600 and 900 words for each composition.

Section A: Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing

1 Write a descriptive piece called *The Workplace*. In your writing focus on colours, sounds and textures to help your reader imagine the scene.

2 'Thunder could be heard rumbling faintly in the distance; rain began to spit from the sky; the wind was beginning to rise. The island lay just before them. They needed shelter and needed it now …'

Continue a short story from this opening. In your writing create a sense of mood and place. (You do not have to complete the story.)

3 Write the opening chapter of a novel called *The Outlaw*. In your writing create a sense of character and motivation of someone who lives outside the law.

4 Imagine you have been imprisoned for thirty years and are released into a world which has changed enormously. Write a piece which conveys your new sights and sensations in contrast to the world you once knew.

Section B: Discursive/Argumentative Writing

5 Does capitalism work? Give detailed reasons to support your views.

6 Two different newspapers cover the same national news event. One of the newspapers reports matters in a formal and restrained style, while the other offers a dramatic and sensationalised approach. Write these two contrasting pieces (between 300–450 words each).

7 'Astrology? Fortune telling? Prophecies? They're all nonsense.' Do you agree?

8 You are participating in a national speaking competition organised for students by the Ministry of Education. You are asked to deliver a speech to students of your own age, called 'What My Country Can Do for Me and What I Can Do for My Country'. Write the speech.

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