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Cambridge Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE **1123/12**

Paper 1 Writing **October/November 2017**

1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

NB: Remember that Section 1 and Section 2 of this paper are worth the **same** number of marks, so you should divide your time carefully between them.

Answer both **Section 1** and **Section 2**.

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Section 1: Directed Writing

You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words. Total marks for this part: 30.

Task

1 Every year the older students in your school invite adults to come and talk about why they are successful in their careers. You decide to write a letter to a well-known personality (for example, from television or business) to persuade him or her to come and speak to the students.

Write your **letter**. You must include the following:

- an invitation to speak to the students **and** the date and venue for the meeting
- what you admire about the personality **and** his or her work
- how the students benefit from these visits.

Cover all three points above **in detail**. You should make your letter polite and persuasive. Start your letter 'Dear …… ,' and remember to provide a suitable ending.

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Section 2: Creative Writing

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

Write on **one** of the following topics.

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

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words. Total marks for this part: 30.

Topics 2–6

2 Describe **two** different places which have special memories for you for different reasons. (Remember you are describing the atmosphere and your feelings, not just the places.)

3 'To save our towns and cities, people should use public transport more and their own cars less.' Do you agree? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

4 Write a story which includes the sentence: 'Because the space was so small, it did not seem possible to get the vehicle through it.'

5 Uniforms.

6 Write a story in which a text message plays an important part.

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