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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/21

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

May/June 2026

2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Section A: answer Question 1.
Section B: answer **one** question.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen. Do **not** use correction fluid or tape.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

This document has **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Read Text A and Text B in the insert and then answer **Section A, Question 1** on this question paper.

Section A: Directed writing

Question 1

Your friend is considering keeping an online digital diary to be published on the internet.
Write a letter to your friend giving your advice about whether or not this is a good idea.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the ideas, attitudes and opinions in the texts
- give your views about the factors your friend should consider about keeping and sharing a diary.

Base your letter on what you have read in **both** texts, but be careful to use your own words.
Address both of the bullet points.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 25 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Section B: Composition

Answer **one** question from Section B.

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions. Answer on this question paper.

Up to 16 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer and up to 24 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

EITHER

Descriptive writing

2 Describe the surroundings as you travel out of a city into the countryside.

OR

Descriptive writing

3 Describe the moment you find an object which was lost.

OR

Narrative writing

4 Write a story about a new group of friends.

OR

Narrative writing

5 Write a story with the title, 'Following the river'.



Please write your chosen question number here (2, 3, 4, 5):

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