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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/31**

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

**October/November 2017**

**2 hours**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **two** questions in the space provided: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passage for use with **Question 1** in **Section 1** on the Question Paper.

The Reading Booklet Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **11** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

Read carefully the article in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

**Section 1: Directed Writing**

**Question 1**

Write a letter to the writer in response to their article, 'E-readers vs. Books'.

**In your letter** you should:

- identify and evaluate the writer's views on e-readers
- explain how far you agree with the writer that people should buy books rather than e-readers.

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

Begin your letter, 'Dear Sir/Madam...'

Write about 250 to 350 words.

**Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing.**

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**Section 2: Composition**

**Questions 2, 3, 4 and 5**

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

**Up to 13 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 12 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.**

**Descriptive Writing**

2 Describe a river as it flows from its source high on a mountain.

**OR**

3 Describe a visit to an art gallery or museum.

**OR**

**Narrative Writing**

4 Write a story with the title, 'The Missed Opportunity'.

**OR**

5 Write a story that begins, 'Jas had to go back to the place where it had all started...'



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