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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/22**

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition **February/March 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.
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- 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.

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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

Write an article for young people about the best way for them to spend their leisure time.

In your article, you should:

- evaluate the attitudes in both texts about the purpose and value of leisure time
- give your advice about the factors young people should consider when deciding how to use their leisure time.

Base your article 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 people picking fruit or harvesting a crop.

Or

Descriptive writing

3 Describe an object before and after it is cleaned.

Or

Narrative writing

4 Write a story which involves a character learning to trust someone.

Or

Narrative writing

5 Write a story with the title, ‘A strange moment’.

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