

English Language B  
PAPER 1

Total Marks
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Tuesday 07 November 2023 – Morning

Time: 3 hours

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

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**YOU MUST HAVE**

**Source Booklet (enclosed)**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN**

**Nil**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer ALL questions in Section A, the question in Section B and one question in Section C.**

**Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.**

**INFORMATION**

**The total mark for this paper is 100.**

**The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.**

**Dictionaries may NOT be used in this examination.**

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## **ADVICE**

**Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.**

**Check your answers if you have time at the end.**

**You are reminded of the importance of clear English and careful presentation in your answers.**

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## **SECTION A**

### **Reading**

**Answer ALL questions in this section.**

**You should spend 1 hour on this section.**

**Read Text One in the Source Booklet, adapted from an article called Ways to Learn a New Skill.**

- 1 In lines 1–28, the writer suggests different skills people might want to learn.**

**Identify ONE of them.**

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**(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)**

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- 2 In the section ‘Optimize Your Time’, the writer makes points about how to use time well.**

**State ONE of them.**

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**(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)**

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- 3 How does the writer present her advice about learning a new skill?**

**You should support your answer with close reference to the passage, including BRIEF quotations.  
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**Read Text Two in the Source Booklet, adapted from an article called The joy of finally learning how to swim.**

- 4 In lines 22–37, the writer gives reasons why people do not learn to swim.**

**State ONE of the reasons.**

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- 5 Using lines 55–79, identify TWO of the experiences the writer has when learning to swim.**

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**6 How does the writer present his ideas about learning to swim as an adult?**

**You should support your answer with close reference to the passage, including BRIEF quotations.  
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**Refer to BOTH Text One and Text Two to answer the following question.**

- 7 Compare how the writers of Text One and Text Two present their ideas and perspectives about learning a new skill.**

**Support your answer with examples from BOTH texts.**

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## **SECTION B**

### **Reading and Writing**

**Answer the question in this section.**

**You should spend 1 hour on this section.**

**Use ideas from BOTH Text One and Text Two in the Source Booklet to answer this question.**

**8 Write an article for a magazine aimed at young adults entitled ‘Time to learn something new?’**

**You should include:**

- **different types of things that might be learnt**
- **advice about how to learn something new**
- **reasons why learning something new might be difficult.**

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## **SECTION C**

### **Writing**

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

**You should spend 1 hour on your chosen question.**

**Do not re-tell events from Text One or Text Two in the Source Booklet.**

**Write approximately 400 words on one of the following:**

**EITHER**

- 9 'We are never too old to try something new.' To what extent do you agree with this statement?**

**(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)**

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**OR**

- 10 Write a story (true or imaginary) entitled 'The Short Cut'.**

**(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)**

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**OR**

- 11 Describe a place that inspires you.**

**(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)**

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**Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ~~☒~~ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.**

**Chosen question number:**

**Question 9** ☐

**Question 10** ☐

**Question 11** ☐

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