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Paper 1 Writing

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A new school facility!

We are looking for your views before the final decision is made. Which facility would you prefer? Email the Principal at newbuilding@school.sg to give your views.

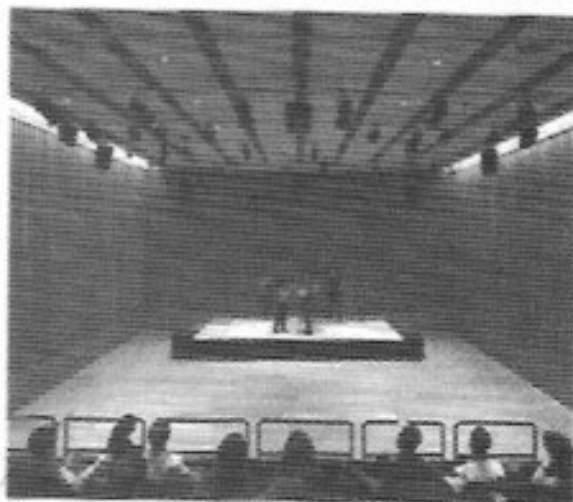
A Science and Technology Building



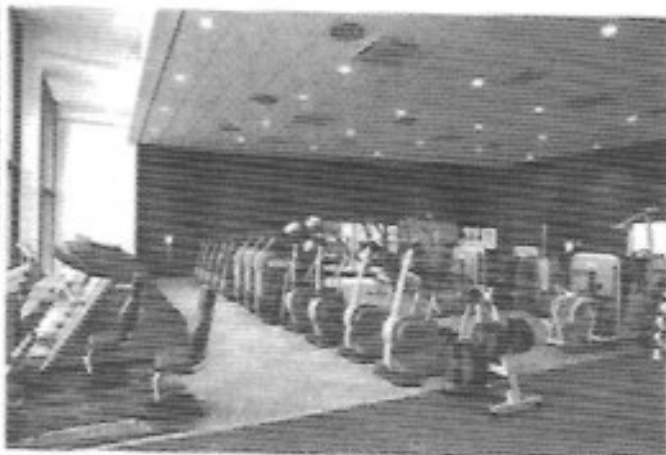
- New science laboratories with the latest equipment and technology
- 2 large and spacious IT rooms for teaching and private study, open at lunchtime and after school
- 2 workshops featuring robotic-aided design equipment to encourage budding scientists
- Computer-aided design and manufacture software on all computers

A Performance Arts Centre

- A purpose-built performance venue seating 200 people, with the latest lighting and sound equipment, suitable for plays and concerts
- Dance and drama studios
- Music practice rooms for teaching instruments to individuals and small groups
- A foyer featuring an exhibition area for students' artwork, as well as a ticket office and café
- Available for use by the community as well



A Fitness Centre



- A state-of-the-art fitness gym with the latest cardio-vascular exercise machines
- A new indoor swimming pool
- A multi-purpose studio for aerobics and exercise classes
- Personal trainers available to offer advice on fitness and nutrition, as well as exercise programmes
- Special programmes for athletes and students keen on sports
- Available for use by the community as well

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Candidates answer in the Question Booklet.

Additional Materials: Insert

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Write your Centre number, index number and name in the spaces at the top of this page.

Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.

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

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **Section A**, **Section B** and one question from **Section C**.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in the Question Booklet.

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The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the head of each section.

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Section A [10 marks]

Question 1

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about giant pandas. The first and last lines are correct. For eight of the lines, there is one grammatical error in each line. There are two more lines with no errors.

If there is NO error in a line, put a tick (✓) in the space provided.

If the line is incorrect, circle the incorrect word and write the correct word in the space provided. The correct word you provide must not change the original meaning of the sentence.

Examples:

I arrived (to) my destination at 2 pm. at
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My mother always wears sensible clothes. ✓
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In August 2016, two giant panda cubs were born at the Schönbrunn Palace Zoo in Austria.
Their mother, name Yang Yang, is on loan from China as a symbol of cooperation and 1
good relations among the two countries. Their new home is the Tiergarten which is 2
part of the Schönbrunn Palace Zoo on an edge of Vienna. The temperatures are 3
carefully controlled to keep them comfortably. The zoo's pandas are popular: every day 4
thousand of visitors spend time watching them as they play. There is often a queue to 5
get in at feeding time to watch them munching on bamboo shoots, carrots, apples and 6
special high-fibre biscuits. Each of them consume about 20 kg of bamboo a day, and, to 7
provide this, an area of the zoo has been converted to cultivate sufficient food for his 8
needs. The exhibition also uses displays and interactive boards to educate both adults 9
and children about the urgent need to protect and conserve these endangering animals. 10
It is hoped that in time there will be more baby giant pandas to add to the attraction!

Section B [30 marks]

You are advised to write between 250 and 350 words for this section.

Question 2

You should look at the printout of a webpage in the Insert, study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

The Principal of your school has announced that there will be an exciting new building project to develop a new facility on the school site. Three ideas for the facility have been shortlisted and posted on the school website. Before making the final decision, the Principal has invited any students who would like to express their preference to write an email to explain their views.

Write the email to your Principal to explain your views. In it you should explain:

- which facility you like best and why
- in what ways this facility would benefit you personally
- how this facility would benefit the whole school
- how this facility would make the school more attractive to parents.

You may add any other details you think will be helpful.

Write your email to your Principal in clear, accurate English. Your tone should be polite and persuasive, showing your enthusiasm for this new development.

You should use your own words as much as possible.

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Section C [30 marks]

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words on one of the following topics.

Questions 3–6

- 3 Describe an event that you looked forward to which turned out to be disappointing. Explain why you were excited about it and why it didn't live up to your expectations.
- 4 'I had never seen my friend laugh so much!' Write about a time when this happened.
- 5 Some people like to stand out from the crowd; others just want to be part of it. Which do you prefer and why?
- 6 Which modern invention is essential for you and your family and which one could you and your family live without? Explain your views.

Please write your chosen question number (3, 4, 5 or 6) here:

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