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Paper 1 Writing

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This Insert contains **Section A**.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Fasten the completed **Section A** Insert to your Answer Paper.

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Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about an incident with a shark. 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 2pm.

..... at
.....

My mother always wears sensible clothes.

..... ✓
.....

A young Australian male had a narrow escape when a shark jumped on his surfboard.

Dean Norburn was surfing off Bondi Beach, near Sydney, with his friends. He was just 1

preparing to ride a wave when the shark, which was about two metre long, appeared 2

close by. It brushed past Dean before landed on the board. Luckily, it quickly swam off 3

and, having swum under the board of another surfer, it disappeared. Dean said, 'It 4

give me a bit of a shock as you will understand. I remembered all the swimming 5

lessons I had as a child, and swam as hardly as I could back to the beach.' The beach 6

lifeguards described an incident as a 'near-miss', and cleared all the swimmers and 7

surfers out of the water immediately afterwards. They kept them out until they are 8

absolutely sure the creature had gone. Despite no one was hurt in this incident, 9

about 70 shark attacks take place every year worldwide, some of whom are fatal. 10

Dean now hopes his first encounter with a shark will also be his last!

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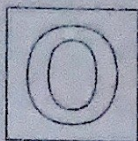
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Additional Materials: Answer Paper
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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, index number and name in the spaces provided on the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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**.

Section A is an Insert.

For **Section A** write your answers in the spaces provided on the Insert.

For **Section B** and **Section C** write your answers on the separate Answer Paper provided.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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

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Section B [30 marks]

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

You should look at the printout of a webpage on page 3, study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

Your older brother, who works abroad, is concerned that you will forget about keeping fit while you are studying. He has offered to buy a gift for you which will improve your activity levels. He has asked you to look at the webpage and choose one of the options, which all cost the same.

Write an email to your brother to thank him and tell him what you have decided. In it you should:

- thank him for his offer and for his support
- say which option you have chosen
- explain why you think it is the best choice for you
- give details of exactly how you plan to use his gift.

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

Write your email to your brother in clear, accurate English. Your tone should be warm and enthusiastic to convince him he is spending his money wisely because you have made the best choice.

You should **use your own words** as much as possible.


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Address <http://www.studentkeepfit.sg> Go


CALLING ALL STUDENTS! Choose one of our fantastic keep fit options to help you stay active while you study

The Keep Fit Tracker
Choose this and it is yours forever!




- Wear it on your wrist 24/7 to track the exercise you do every day
- Set your targets to suit yourself
- Get feedback on sleep patterns to see if you are fully rested
- Check how many calories you consume and burn off each day
- View all functions on an app on a smartphone or tablet
- Enjoy this permanent reminder to keep fit!

The Personal Trainer
2 sessions a week for 6 weeks!



- Work out at home or in the park
- Choose a time to suit you
- Receive a varied programme from your trainer
- Get personal attention and coaching
- Discover you can achieve more than you think
- Make no last-minute excuses – your trainer will always arrive on time!

The Gym Membership
A six-month membership!



- Get help from fully qualified instructors
- Try some of our 30 different classes
- Choose from many evening and weekend options
- Join in team sports on indoor courts whatever the weather
- Be motivated by working out with others
- Enjoy making new friends as you exercise!

Click [here](#) for further information on the three options and our contact details

Section C [30 marks]

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

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

At the head of your composition, write the number of the topic you have chosen.

- 1 Describe a place which means a great deal to you. Why is it so important?
- 2 Write about a time when you caused great disappointment to another person. What did you do about the situation?
- 3 It is often said that people are too concerned with getting things and spending money. What is your opinion?
- 4 'People should always tell the truth.' Do you think there are any situations in which this might not be the best thing to do? Explain your views.

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