

PiAcademy IGCSE Predicted Paper Set 1

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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

Paper 2 Directed Writing and Composition

PA_0500/2/01

Predicted Paper — Set 1

You must answer on the question paper.

2 hours

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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.
- Do not use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- 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.

This document has 15 pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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

The leaders of your local community are considering setting up a 'library of things', where residents could borrow tools and equipment instead of buying their own. They have asked residents to share their opinions.

Write a letter to the community leaders giving your views about whether or not this is a good idea.

In your letter you should:

- evaluate the ideas, opinions and attitudes in both texts
- give your own views about whether or not a library of things would benefit your community.

Base your **letter** 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 a busy market where second-hand and repaired goods are being sold.

OR

Descriptive Writing

3 Describe a room that is full of forgotten and unused objects.

OR

Narrative Writing

4 Write a story with the title, 'The loan'.

OR

Narrative Writing

5 Write a story which involves a gift that changes someone's life.

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- This insert contains the reading texts.
- You may annotate this insert and use the blank spaces for planning. **Do not write your answers** on the insert.

Read both texts, and then answer **Question 1** on the question paper.

Text A: The library of things

The following text is a feature article in which a journalist visits a Library of Things in Oxford.

Aristotle House in Oxford is not as grand as it sounds. A commercial block built by the canal in the 1960s, it is no longer fit for paying tenants, so its owner, Wadham College, allows a group of social enterprises to stay there, like official squatters. Inside, for those who know about it, is the Oxford library of things. It sounds like the setting for a Philip Pullman novel, and represents a vision of humanity that's nearly as fantastical – an idea so simple and so brilliant that, the first time you hear it, you wonder why it hasn't conquered the world already. Then you wonder if it's just about to. 5

Imagine you have a grimy old picnic table that needs sanding after a winter in the garden. Or you want to host a Eurovision party, but your TV is too small for everyone to see. Commercially renting a belt sander for the weekend costs about £40, and a projector much more, so unless you're on good terms with a well-equipped neighbour, you either spend money on a device you will hardly use, or you give up. But what if someone volunteered to be that neighbour, as people now have in Frome, Crystal Palace, Stirling, Edinburgh, Totnes, Oxford and in growing numbers around the world? If they could just gather a collection of extremely, but only occasionally, useful items, and find a place to keep them, there would be no need for everyone else to buy their own. Even paying a small fee to cover costs, we would save money, and space in our homes, and the benefits to the environment in waste prevented would be enormous. 10 15 20

Oxford's library of things – or Lot, as many in the movement call them – was the last of the 16 groups to get a piece of Aristotle House. It's not a large piece; in most buildings it might make a generous broom cupboard, or a mean spare bedroom. Yet somehow, the Lot founder, Maurice Herson, with only donated shelves and boxes, has managed to store the library's growing inventory here. With its ice-cream maker and unicycle and telescope mixed in with its drills and ladders and saws, it looks like the home of a hoarder who is just about on top of things. Gathering donations, for example, was not the problem; the problem was gathering too much – especially lawnmowers, for some reason. 'One of the things I learned was how to refuse things,' Herson says, 'because at first I was bad at it.' Add it all up, including emails in the evening, and he guesses that he works about 30 hours a week, for free. 25 30

Text B: The Circular Economy Has Arrived: it's called 'The Library of Things'

The following text, written by a journalist, explores the Library of Things movement.

We've all done it (or at least I have): bought the thing to do that one job, used it once, and it sits forever after gathering dust. Or worse, bought the thing with good intentions to do that job, only to never actually get around to it. The sad thing is, your neighbours have done the same. You all bought the thing. And the next street along did. And the entire town/city/country. All have shelves with rarely used items, gathering dust. 5

In London, in 2014, three friends were having similar thoughts. And they decided to do something about it. 'I was devastated by the scale of the ecological and cost-of-living crises driven by extractive consumerism', recalls Rebecca 'Bex' Trevalyan. 'A group of friends and neighbours and I saw the potential of sharing libraries to bring people together in our neighbourhood and to reduce waste.' 10

A Library of Things works like this. Members pay a small one-off fee to join — then they pay-as-you-go to access individual items. For example, a drill costs £6 (\$8) for a day, or £4.50 (\$6) for those with a (no-questions-asked) Concession Membership. Popular items include carpet cleaners, pressure washers, drills, hand sanders, power saws, hedge trimmers and sewing machines. Tents are popular in summer. Thermal imaging cameras are in demand in winter ('people check their houses for heat loss, to save on energy bills' explains Bex). Recent additions include air fryers and travel cots — members vote on new items to get added. 15

Back in London, Bex is aiming high. 'We want to see a world where every neighbourhood has collections of shared items', she says, and 'everyone can affordably access quality tools, toys and technology to improve their lives.' A survey of current members revealed that over half 'say they're more likely to adopt behaviours like reuse, repair and sharing, having used Library of Things', she says. 20

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