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**TEMASEK SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
Preliminary Examination 2023  
Secondary Four Normal (Academic) Level

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1190/01**

Paper 1 Writing

**1 hour 50 minutes**

Question Booklet 1

Candidates answer in the Question Booklet.

Additional Materials:      Insert  
   Question Booklet 2

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

**Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.**

Write your name, index number and class 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, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **Section A**, **Section B** and one question from **Section C**.  
Write your answers in the spaces provided in the Question Booklet.  
The Insert contains the text for **Section B**.

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 Halloween. The first and last lines are correct. For the remaining ten lines, there is one grammatical error in each line.

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.

Example:

I arrived~~(to)~~ my destination at 2 pm. ....at.....

Halloween is a festival celebrated each year on October 31. In 2023,	
Halloween will fall on Tuesday. A tradition originated from the ancient	1.....
Celtic festival of Samhain, where people will light bonfires and wear	2.....
costumes to ward of ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III	3.....
designate November 1 as the time to honour all saints. Soon, All	4.....
Saints Day incorporated some of the tradition of Samhain. The evening	5.....
before was know as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time,	6.....
people began to dress up in costumes but go house to house asking	7.....
for food or money, a practice that eventual became today's 'trick-or-	8.....
treating'. In 1800, there was a move to moulding Halloween into a	9.....
holiday which was more focused on community though on ghosts,	10.....
pranks, and witchcraft.	

**Section B [30 marks]**

**You are advised to write between 180 and 250 words for this section.**

You should look at the printout of a webpage on page 2 in the Insert, study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

Your school has recently announced that it will be partnering with various organisations to start a volunteering programme. The programme will offer opportunities for students to volunteer during the school holidays. The school hopes that this will encourage students to be more empathetic and give back to society. You have seen the information posted on the school website and are keen to apply. Write an email to the teacher-in-charge of the volunteering programme to apply as a volunteer.

In your email, you must include the following details:

- which organisation you hope to volunteer for
- why that organisation interests you
- what skills, values or experiences you have that make you suitable for the role
- how you can benefit from the volunteering experience

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

Write your email in clear, accurate English. Make sure your tone is formal and persuasive to convince the teacher-in-charge you are both suitable and keen to volunteer for your chosen organisation.

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

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