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Clementi Town Secondary School  
Preliminary Examination 2021  
Secondary 4 Express / 5 Normal (Academic)



**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**Paper 1 Writing**  
**QUESTION BOOKLET**  
**(Sections A & B)**

**1128/01**  
**30 August 2021**  
**1 hour 50 minutes**

Additional Materials: Insert, Question Booklet (Section C)

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your name, register 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, glue or correction fluid.  
**DO NOT WRITE ON ANY BARCODES.**

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.

## Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about a group of volunteers who stayed in isolation in an underground cave. 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.

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My mother always wears sensible clothes.

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Fifteen people have emerged from a cave in south-west France after  
forty days underground in an experiment to see how the absent of **1** \_\_\_\_\_  
clocks, daylight or external communications would affect their sense **2** \_\_\_\_\_  
of time. Through big smiles on their pale faces, they left their voluntary **3** \_\_\_\_\_  
isolation in the cave to a round of applause, and basking in the light **4** \_\_\_\_\_  
while wearing special glasses to protect their eyes after so long in the **5** \_\_\_\_\_  
dark. One of the seven women to take part in the experiment said that **6** \_\_\_\_\_  
she did not felt any rush to do anything and wished she could have **7** \_\_\_\_\_  
stayed in the cave a few days longer, but were happy to feel the wind **8** \_\_\_\_\_  
and hear birdsong again. The group has lived in and explored the **9** \_\_\_\_\_  
cave as part of the project to help scientists understand better how **10** \_\_\_\_\_  
people adapt to drastic changes in living conditions and environments.

Adapted from: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/apr/25/deep-time-team-ends-40-days-underground-in-french-cave>

**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 in the Insert. Study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

You have seen a post for a writing competition on your school's Student Council webpage, and you decide to enter the competition. In your article, you should explain the reasons for your choice of idea for the Student Activity Centre.

Your article for the website must include the following content:

- a title to attract readers' attention
- why the idea appeals to you
- how your fellow schoolmates can make use of the facility
- what benefits will be brought to the student population.

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

Write your article in clear, accurate English, and in a lively, engaging tone to encourage readers to vote for the idea you have chosen.

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

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