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**BISHAN PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2017
SECONDARY TWO EXPRESS**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 1 Writing**

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1 hour 50 minutes**

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

This insert contains **Section A**.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Hand in **Section A**, **Section B** and **Section C** separately.

For Examiner's Use

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This insert consists of 2 printed pages and 0 blank pages.

Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about a spatial transformation in a local neighbourhood. 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

My mother always wears sensible clothes. ✓

In a tranquil corner of the Tiong Bahru neighbourhood, one finds
a coffeeshop that appears to have been snatch right out of the 1970s. 1
On its shophouse façade, the coffeeshop speciality *mee pok* is presented, 2
ranging through \$3 to \$5. Old "uncles" prepare bowls for their breakfast 3
and lunchtime customers, with the smell of coffee permeate the air. The 4
shabby-looking interior include checkered floors, rotating fans, plastic 5
stools and round wood tables – typical sights, smells and furniture of a 6
traditional Singapore *kopitiam*. Despite, this is no ordinary *kopitiam*. 7
One should never guess that it transforms into a Western café at night, 8
offering dishes such as fried calamari and smoked duck linguine. 9
Such a twilight metamorphosis is common seen in Tiong Bahru, 10
a neighbourhood with a growing café culture.

Adapted from *The Rise of Hipster Culture in Singapore: Spatial Transformation in Tiong Bahru* by Jonathan Chua, Sherman Tan & Laura Tan (2014)
http://www.academia.edu/7061683/The_Rise_of_Hipster_Culture_in_Singapore_Spatial_Transformation_in_Tiong_Bahru

Section B [30 marks]

You are advised to write between 250-300 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 school has organised an end-of-semester Literature trip to England. While the itinerary for the entire trip has been planned, the last day of the trip in London, has been left to the students to choose what they would like to do. Your teacher has asked you for suggestions for places to go where there are opportunities to learn and to have fun. You have seen the London Tourism webpage and feel that there are some places which would be appropriate.

In your speech you should:

- Give the date and time for the chosen places of the last day of the trip
- Suggest any 3 places your group might enjoy
- Explain why these activities at the recommended places will give a balance of learning and fun
- Say why you think these places/activities will be a good way to celebrate the end of the trip

Write your speech in clear, accurate English and in a persuasive, enthusiastic tone to convince your teacher that this will be a great day out before you fly back to Singapore.

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

You should use your own words as much as possible.



Tickets & Offers

Discover London

Things to Do

Accommodation

Traveller Information



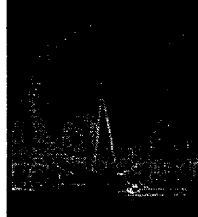
London's Big Ben

The Houses of Parliament and Elizabeth Tower, popularly known as Big Ben, are London's most iconic Landmarks. Technically, Big Ben is the name given to the massive bell inside the clock tower. Big Ben looks spectacular at night when the four clock faces are lit up.



The London Eye

This is centrally located in the heart of the capital and is a feat of engineering. It is the world's tallest observation wheel, and is a major feature of London's skyline. Climb aboard for a breath-taking experience, with an unforgettable perspective of more than 55 of London's most famous landmarks – all in just 30 minutes!



Warner Brothers Studio London- The Making of Harry Potter

Have a magical day out with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Harry Potter films at Warner Bros. Studio London. See first-hand the sets, costumes, and props used in all the Harry Potter Films, and step inside some of the film's locations including The Great Hall, Dumbledore's office and Hagrid's Hut.



Westminster Abbey

Kings, queens, statesmen and soldiers; poets, priests, heroes and villains – Westminster Abbey is a must-see living pageant of British history. Every year, the Abbey welcomes over one million visitors who want to explore this wonderful 700- year-old building –the coronation church of England.



Section C [30 marks]

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

You are advised to write between 350 and 450 words on one of the following topics.

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

- 1** What are your hopes and ambitions and how do you plan to achieve them?
- 2** What are some shortcomings you have and how can you overcome them?
- 3** What are some advantages and disadvantages of learning to play a musical instrument?
- 4** Describe a childhood toy, or a game you played which means a great deal to you. Why is it so important?