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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

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**FORM 2**

**STUDY PACK**

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Use your essay books
- Submit work upon arrival on opening day.
- Follow the instructions given on each section.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this page is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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## Section A: Descriptive Writing (25 marks)

### Question 1: Writer's Effect (10 marks)

The night crept in like a thief, swallowing the last whispers of daylight. The wind howled through the trees, a restless beast clawing at the fragile silence. Shadows stretched and twisted, dancing like conspirators on the trembling walls. The air was thick, suffocating, as though the world itself was holding its breath. Even the stars seemed distant, cold spectators to the unease below. Every sound was sharpened—the crack of a twig, the sigh of the wind—each echoing louder than it should. Darkness did not simply fall; it settled, heavy and deliberate, pressing against the skin like an unseen hand. The world had not gone to sleep; it had become something else entirely. Something watchful. Something waiting.

Explain how the writer uses language to create a tense and unsettling atmosphere. (10 marks)

### Question 2: Prepositions (5 marks)

1. The cat leapt \_\_\_ the wall effortlessly.
2. She walked \_\_\_ the room without saying a word.
3. The book is lying \_\_\_ the table.
4. He hid the letter \_\_\_ his jacket.
5. The children ran \_\_\_ the field in excitement.

### Question 3: Auxiliary Verbs (5 marks)

1. She \_\_\_ finished her work before sunset. (has/have)
2. They \_\_\_ going to the match tomorrow. (is/are)
3. He \_\_\_ been waiting for hours. (has/have)
4. We \_\_\_ seen that movie already. (has/have)
5. I \_\_\_ going to speak to the teacher. (am/is)

### Question 4: Denotation and Connotation [5]

For each word, state its denotation and connotation:

1. Snake
2. Home
3. Cheap
4. Youthful
5. Slim