Section A: Directed Writing
[35 marks]
[Time suggested: 45 minutes]
As a student representative of your school's Students' Affairs Board, you have been asked to give a speech on corporal punishment being an old-fashioned way of disciplining students.

Use the following notes to write out your speech:

- Primitive method of disciplining students
- May cause emotional trauma
- May demotivate students
- Does not deter hard-core offenders
- Not an intrinsic motivator

When writing the speech, you should remember:
To use an appropriate greeting and closing to address your audience appropriately
- to use all the notes given
- to use the correct format
- that your audience are students of your school

Section B: Continuous Writing
[50 marks]
[Time suggested: One hour]
Write a composition of about 350 words on one of the following topics.
1. Families that play together stay together
2. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of nuclear energy.
3. Describe the scene of a terrible road accident.
4. Write a story beginning with: "When I turned around the corner ..."
5. Ambitions
SECTION A

Good morning to the headmaster, senior assistants, teachers I and students. I have been asked to represent the Students' Affair Board to give you a speech on how and why corporal punishment, an old-fashioned way to discipline students.

Corporal punishment which mostly involves caning students who break school rules is definitely a primitive method of disciplining students. As we progress towards a caring society, we should look into other more humane alternatives of disciplining students such as using a merit system or reverse psychology.

Furthermore, many students who could have changed for the better may be traumatised by this form of punishment which has demotivated them from making a positive change in their lives. They may react negatively and in retaliation, they further break school rules as a form of rebelliousness towards authority.

Moreover, corporal punishments in most causes do not deter hard-core offenders as they continue to remain blase about their actions. These offenders need a total change of attitude where the violence and pain of caning will not have any effect on them.

It is the wish of every disciplinary teacher, teacher and parent to see their children behave well. However, caning only creates fear in the hearts of children and that is not a good motivator. Students need to discover a motivator that is intrinsic in nature. This will ensure that students behave well because they want to and not because they are afraid of the cane.

Therefore, I believe that genuine concern and love for the students will without a doubt show the students that teachers only want the best for them and that the best may mean learning to discipline themselves for the better.

SECTION B

1. When you think back to your childhood, what kinds of memories do you conjure up? The day your father chased after the ice cream truck so that you could get that special treat you wanted so badly? Or maybe on the Christmas morning when you opened up the present you didn't think you'd get, but turns out "Santa" had come through for you.

Numerous studies have shown that the strongest childhood memories are those associated with family. It only makes sense, after all, your mother, father, sisters and brothers are the people you spent the most time with while you were growing up.

Children are involved in clubs and devote most of their times towards their friends and other things to do with school. In all this hustle and bustle of daily life and your daily routines, families are having a harder time to have family dinners. Having family dinners with the whole and complete family used to be a no-brainer and something that most people believed in. But with the conflicting schedules, the longer-lists of things to do and jobs of high school teenagers, where is the family time that is needed? Indeed, experts in the psychology field agree that having family dinners or some kind of family bonding at least
once a week will contribute to a close-knit family, among other benefits. But do families always find the time to do this? It seems that there is always something else to do rather than to spend quality time with your family.

However, family time does not always have to mean sitting down together for dinner. Even though this has been the traditional case and example of a good family, there is definitely more to do than have dinner. One decision may be to devote a specific night of the week or weekend to a family movie or a movie that the family will all enjoy. The experience offers much-needed family bonding.

Sometimes, it may become a sacrifice for parents to try and keep commitments of a family vacation. It can be financially challenging at times too. It has also proven to be a challenge of scheduling as children grow older and have more things that have demanded their time.

However, the sacrifices of personal time have benefits. The value of just "playing" together has proven to be one of our biggest "staying" factors when it comes to building our cohesive family unit.

Parents too will become a bigger influence on their children than the other massive forces of the external world pulling at them: By playing together, direction is given and that helps the family unremain the focus of our world today. It offers direction to the family that can give us more peace and happiness in our lives. I believe that it is the secret to a happy family.

2 Nuclear power is very efficient and it can be very clean, safe, cheap and supply a lot of demand with minimum resources. The problem with nuclear power is human's poor management of it. Mistakes are made systemic, otherwise which can have very profound impact on the environment, even in a global sense. Despite a generally high security standard, accidents can still happen. It is technically impossible to build a plant with 100% security. A small probability of failure will always last. The consequences of an accident would be absolutely devastating for both human being and the nature.

Another problem with nuclear power is safely storing the waste material which remains harmful to life for a very, very long time. The ideal solution is taking it off the earth to another part of the solar system. This is far too risky and expensive with our current rocket technology. If a payload of nuclear waste was to explode on a rocket travelling to space, the harm would affect every living thing on the planet.

However, scientists are also working on a new type of nuclear power called fusion, as opposed to fission, which is the current method of generation. Fusion uses the same nuclear process that is happening in the sun, and literally takes mass and turns it into energy (since mass is just energy). This is very difficult to do but if accomplished, it would solve the world's energy problems instantly.
Furthermore, nuclear energy is a very clean form of energy unlike petroleum as nuclear power generation, does emit relatively low amounts of carbon dioxide. The emission of greenhouse gases and the contribution of nuclear power plants to global warming are therefore relatively little.

Like other alternative energy sources, nuclear power is worth considering due to its efficiency but if we are not careful and something goes wrong, a lot of people will pay the price.

The day after the accident, I went back to the scene with my father as the police wanted witnesses of the accident to help them piece together what had happened. A car and a pickup truck had collided head-on near the Selewang junction before bursting into flames.

Burnt-out body shells - that was all that remained of the two vehicles involved in yesterday afternoon's head-on collision. I had been a mere five feet away when the vehicles had burst into flames on impact. From the closed windows of my father's Honda, I could feel the heat and the vibration from the blast. A man and a Two-year-old boy who were travelling in a Hyundai with silver plates, were killed; and a man and a woman who were travelling in the pickup truck, also died. Two other passengers from the Hyundai, a woman and her four-year-old girl, were taken to a hospital in Kuala Lumpur.

Firefighters who were first on the scene said that it was a horrific sight and it truly was. Some passers-by could not even get near the vehicles as the heat was too intense. Gavendasamy, our driver, heard that the Fire and Rescue officer said that the two vehicles on fire were definitely one of the worst accidents he had ever seen. It was actually the worst he had seen in his years of service.

When we arrived on the scene, a number of other witnesses were already there with the police officers. I agreed when some mentioned about the speed in which both the vehicles were travelling in, had some part cause the horrific accident. The heat and the billowing clouds of smoke prevented many from attempting to rescue the victims. Even today, 14 hours after the wreck, the smell of gasoline could still be smelt and the charred remains of the burnt-out vehicles and the blackened road testified to the horror of yesterday's accident.

When I turned around the corner, I was shocked. Kamal was still standing beside the road, exactly where I had left him half an hour ago. He looked spaced out and unaware of the rushing traffic around him and the busy pedestrians swirling around him. He looked very lost and forlorn. I quickly approached him and tapped him on his shoulder. He gave a startled jump and immediately went into his judo stance.

"Hey, it's only me, Lilie," I quickly assured him. He relaxed his stand but the guarded look was still firmly pasted on his face. "Are you all right?" I asked worriedly. You don't look too well and you've been standing here for the last half an hour. It seems there's something weighing on your mind. Let's get a cup of coffee and you can tell me all about it. Maybe I can help you out, even if it's just to listen."
He gave me a resigned look as he knew I was not going to give up pestering him until he gave in. "I suppose so," he grudgingly agreed. Over the cup of coffee, the whole story came out. He had been having an affair with his office typist and his wife, Shamsiah, had found out about it. He had been asked to move out while she consulted her lawyer about her next step. She was definitely looking to separate from him. "I still love her," Kamal let out an anguished cry. "Who? Shamsiah or your office typist?" I asked. "Shamsiah of course! She was my school sweetheart and we have been married for 12 years!" he cried out. The other patrons in the coffee shop looked up from their coffee and morning newspapers. I smiled apologetically.

After much talking, it was finally agreed that I would arrange a meeting between the two. Kamal needed to be frank with Shamsiah about why he veered off course in their marriage and needed to make the necessary amendments on Shamsiah's terms, of course. That was only fair as she had been the injured party. To cut the long story short, Kamal and Shamsiah are back together. Shamsiah was not too satisfied with Kamal's reason for the affair but she was willing to work things out with him with the help of their marriage counsellor. After all, their first baby was due in 6 months and he had been truly repentant about the whole affair. His sincerity was very much evident and the last I saw of them, they looked happy enough shopping for the new nursery. I have been asked to be the little baby's godmother and I can't wait.

Personally, I believe that children should be encouraged to have goals in life that serve to realise their creative, physical and mental potential. Parents should, on the other hand, be able to recognise such potential in their children and help them realise it, help them create and achieve their goals. I feel, judging by the use of the word "ambition", is often linked to politics and when we say "ambitious", we picture a ruler who drives the whole nation to wars before dying rather disgracefully during the ides of March. And because we don't want to end like this, we often use "ambitious" in a negative sense.

However, having a goal in life is crucial and setting a goal for yourself early in life is twice as important. It is possible to change goals, it is possible to abandon them, but the process of attaining experience and knowledge to achieve the goals takes years; and time is something we haven't yet learnt to turn back.

Studies have also shown that children from the middle-class families had higher aspirations and did better than those from the working-class families. So, it is evident that ambitions and goal setting is very much dependent on the support provided by families.

Ambition... ambition... Nothing can ever protect anyone from failure, but usually we don't know we are to fail until we actually do. To be afraid to realise our potential is the biggest disservice we can do to ourselves. And why to think of the worst outcome? There's a saying, "If you tell someone they're a pig, they'll start oinking". So, why not work hard and believe in success instead?
And let's face it. We keep talking about one's private goals, whereas the whole mankind should be our example. How on earth did the Egyptians erect those pyramids? How did Columbus discover America? How did Magellan circumnavigate the Earth? How did we end up flying not only from country to country, but into space? We are people, we cannot fly; and the law of gravity is against the whole concept of flight. Yet in the 20th century, we've finally got wings, figuratively speaking. There is a burning desire, a dream behind each of these achievements to which we should be looking up, without doubt.

Therefore, ambition could mean many things - a desire to attain success in life, a desire to achieve personal or professional advancement, a desire to achieve fame, power, money, rank, position or a desire to achieve any particular ends or complete an activity or attain the fruits of an activity. Whatever it is, it drives people forward to achieve greater things. Successful individuals are the ones who can manipulate these forces of ambition in a way that is most positive so that they are able to change negative factors to positive and are also able to use positive factors effectively preventing these from becoming negative at any point of life. This is a good thing indeed and therefore everyone should possess an ambition of some sort.