

## OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SCHOOLS EXAMINATION BOARD

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For School Certificates, July 1949.~~4-0~~ ENGLISH COMPOSITION.Time -- 1¼ Hours.(Answer ONE question only.)

1. Write an Essay on ONE of the following subjects:

(a) 'Human life is everywhere a state in which much is to be endured, and little to be enjoyed' (Dr. Johnson). To what extent do you consider that Dr. Johnson's words are applicable to life at school?

(b) Dreams.

(c) Our Neighbours.

(d) Tramps.

2. Compose a letter to a newspaper supporting or opposing ONE of the following:

X (a) The construction of a Channel tunnel to the continent of Europe.

(b) The Nationalization of Iron and Steel.

3. Compose a sketch or short story based on the following stanza from Matthew Arnold's The Scholar Gipsy:

But once, years after, in the country lanes,  
Two scholars whom at college erst he knew  
Met him, and of his way of life inquir'd.  
Whereat he answer'd, that the Gipsy crew,  
His mates, had arts to rule as they desir'd  
The workings of men's brains;  
And they can bind them to what thoughts they will:  
'And I,' he said, 'the secret of their art,  
When fully learn'd, will to the world impart:  
But it needs heaven-sent moments for this skill.'



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18 Papers

Time allowed 30 hrs. 45 mins.

Pages Written:-99

English - Language - U.G.	
Literature - U.G.	
German - - - - - U.G.	
French - - - - - C	
Latin - - - - - C	
Scripture - - - - - U.G.	
History - - - - - P	
Elementary Maths. - - - C.	