

Sample Answers

Paper 2

Cambridge International AS Level English General Paper (8021)

For examination from 2019



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Introduction

The main aim of this booklet is to exemplify candidate responses for those teaching Cambridge International AS Level English General Paper 8021. There are 2 sections in Paper 2 and candidates must answer all questions. These questions consist of a range of sub-questions. These include questions which require short answers and more extended answers which require responses of up to 120 words.

The sample responses used here for illustrative purposes (prior to the first sitting of 8021 in 2019), come from a different version of the Cambridge International AS level General Paper which contains a paper that is very similar to the format of the new 8021 paper 2. This variant tests the same skills for the same number of marks using similar question construction and variation.

The mark scheme from this variant has been included in this booklet to help you understand how these highly comparable assessment criteria have been applied.

In this booklet, we have provided four answers for each of the questions with some examiner comments after each response.

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Assessment overview

Paper 2 – Comprehension

Written paper,
1 hour 45 minutes
50 marks

Candidates answer compulsory questions on reading material. The paper has two sections and each is worth 25 marks. Candidates must answer all questions in each of the two sections on the paper.

Externally assessed
50% of the AS Level

The assessment objectives (AOs) tested in this paper are:

AO1 Selection and application of information

- Demonstrate understanding of information from a variety of material.
- Identify, select and interpret relevant data, information and examples.
- Apply information that exemplifies ideas and opinions.

AO2 Analysis and evaluation

- Demonstrate the ability to analyse the meaning of language as used in its context.
- Develop explanations with examples, analysis and evaluation.
- Develop, analyse and evaluate arguments and make supported judgements.

AO3 Communication using written English

- Write structured responses, using a range of appropriate language for a variety of purposes.
- Communicate information, ideas and opinions clearly and accurately.
- Construct cohesive and organised responses, linking ideas and arguments.

The sections consist of a range of sub-questions. These include questions which require short answers and more extended answers of up to 120 words.

In section A, candidates are required to explain and interpret the information provided in the material to show understanding. They are also required to respond by writing a persuasive text that expresses an opinion and justifies a conclusion.

In section B, candidates are required to demonstrate the ability to read for detailed understanding at word, sentence and paragraph level. They are required to demonstrate understanding of how language features are used in a variety of styles and registers. Candidates are assessed on how they analyse and evaluate the material to show an awareness of the strengths and weaknesses of different kinds of information presented. They are required to identify and analyse inference.

All questions will be based on unseen material on an insert accompanying the question paper. The texts may originate from either print or online material, for example, reports, reviews, essays, blogs, scripts, speeches and descriptions. Other material may include, for example, diagrams, data and notes.

The unseen material will be up to 900 words in length. The number of words does not include any introductory notes or glossary notes.

The balance of assessment of reading and writing skills is equal.

Material for Section A from the Insert

The Kumala family has decided that it's time to replace their family car.

Mr Kumala mostly works from home but has to travel to his office, 20km from home, three times each week.

Mrs Kumala is a doctor at the local hospital which is less than 1 km from the family house.

Mercutio, aged 21, is studying at university and holds a full driving licence.

Claudia is in her final year at school and hopes to study modern languages at the local university. She has recently begun a course of driving lessons.

Matilda is 10 years of age.

Members of the family have expressed interest in the following models:

The **Geronimo** is a spacious, high-performance, five-seater vehicle, with four wheel drive, capable of 'off road driving'. A new Geronimo is beyond the family's budget, but the local dealership has a pre-owned, low mileage model which comes with a one year guarantee covering all parts and labour. CO₂ emissions are rated at 255g/km.

The **Cuboid** is a five-seater model which is fitted with parking sensors and a roof rack designed to carry a range of sporting/leisure equipment. The car comes with a comprehensive seven year guarantee. CO₂ emissions are rated at 140g/km.

The **Ecodream** is advertised as a compact five-seater hybrid model (capable of using a battery as well as conventional fuel; combining electric and petrol technology). The car comes with a comprehensive three year guarantee. CO₂ emissions are rated at 44 g/km.

The following information should be taken into account.

- 1 Matilda is easily bored on car journeys and so she tends to irritate other members of the family.
- 2 The Cuboid isn't regarded as very cool by young people.
- 3 Insurance for high-performance vehicles is costly, especially for younger drivers and those not holding a full driving licence.
- 4 The family likes to spend weekends visiting remote lakes and forests to enjoy outdoor sports such as canoeing, windsurfing and hiking.
- 5 The Ecodream has a range of 50 km in full electric mode and can be charged at home.
- 6 Mr Kumala would much rather Mercutio use the family car rather than be a passenger with his friends.
- 7 Mercutio is very fashion conscious and cares about his image with his friends.
- 8 Mr Kumala recently caused \$300 worth of damage whilst attempting a tight manoeuvre in a supermarket car park.
- 9 Mrs Kumala is a local councillor and a member of the Environmental Party.
- 10 DVD players are a standard fitting for rear-seat passengers in the Geronimo.

- 11 No one in the family is mechanically minded.
- 12 The family is working within a tight budget.
- 13 There are often long queues at the only petrol station on the route between Mr Kumala's home and his office.

Rates of vehicle tax

	CO ₂ emission figure (g/km)	Tax for 12 months
Band A	Up to 50	Nil
Band B	Up to 150	\$200
Band C	Up to 250	\$300
Band D	Over 250	\$400

But enough of regulation, what about the laws of the highway? To me, as a cyclist, I see a car coming and I am 99% confident that it will behave in a predictable manner, because drivers are trained to stick to the rules. Surely riders could do the same? Unfortunately though, when I see another rider, I have no idea if they are going to slow down, speed up, stop, run over a pedestrian and say it was my fault, or do a wheelie down the wrong side of the road! 50

Last year, the Metropolitan Police launched Operation Safeway in response to the deaths of six cyclists who were killed in London in November. Officers manned major junctions and trouble spots and handed out a total of 13,818 fines – with 4,085 going to cyclists. Of course, a driver can do far more damage in a car – or worse, a lorry – than any cyclist, but that's still a lot of cyclists jumping red lights and whizzing down footpaths. Besides, the process of holding drivers to account is easy because you have a means of identifying the miscreant and catching up with them at a later date. However, an officer witnessing a dangerous cyclist can do little more than shake his fist in their direction. 55

I wouldn't call myself a cyclist with a capital 'c', but I know many of them and they're a sensitive bunch. So I'm writing this anonymously. Maybe it's time for me to put the bike away and start walking instead. 60

Material for Section B from the Insert

After 12 years riding a bike in London I recently came to a shocking conclusion: what scares me the most as a cyclist is not the cars, not the lorries and not even the taxi passengers who unexpectedly wrench their door open in front of you – but other cyclists.

From busy roads to quiet estate pathways, canal towpaths to back streets, they move with astonishingly little regard for anyone else, leaving old and young, pedestrians and fellow two-wheelers spinning in their self-righteous wake. They buy a bike and they buy a bell, and they make me despair because everywhere they go they set the cause of cycling back. 5

You might correctly point out that cyclists are overwhelmingly the victims of the road and that motor vehicles are still the main danger to life and limb for cyclists and pedestrians alike. According to CTC, the UK cycling charity, in 2012, 98% of serious or fatal pedestrian injuries in urban areas were due to collisions with motor vehicles. Between 2008 and 2012 nine pedestrians were killed by cycles, while 1,361 were killed by cars. 10

But none of this excuses the breathtakingly bad behaviour of a significant minority of cyclists. If you travel in a city during rush hour, the chances are that you will have seen someone on a bicycle pull a stunt that, had it been perpetrated by a car driver, would have seen them dragged from the wheel and strung from the nearest lamp-post. And you will have seen it time and time again. 15

This is why they are a danger to the cause of cycling and to cyclists themselves. While none of us is perfect, these people slip into a world where the rules of the road are irrelevant, and common courtesy goes out of the window. They are increasingly the ones who cut across our path unexpectedly, whether pedestrian, car or cyclist, and who push us aside or scream at us because we've slowed down to allow an older person or child to live. 20

In fact, I'd say car drivers in general deserve more credit than they get from the cycling fraternity, because I don't recall ever seeing a car driver spot a space on a crowded pedestrian crossing that's a couple of centimetres wider than his car, put his head down, cross to the wrong side of the road, and bolt through at full speed. Nor do you see many cars leap on to a footpath behind a tight knot of pedestrians and proceed to ring their bell furiously until everyone jumps out of their way. And I probably don't even need to start talking about red lights, do I? 25

But the physical hazards posed by these new racers are not the real danger to cyclists – it's the damage to the cycling image they constitute that's truly problematic. 30

To the harassed pedestrian for whom the ringing of a bell has become a tense precursor to either an earful of abuse or a near-death experience, the moron has become the norm. The new boy racer has become all cyclists. And that's why they are really dangerous, because cycling needs to progress and be embraced, but the more badly behaved and unaccountable some cyclists are perceived to be, the greater the risk that we'll all be forced into restrictive and bureaucratic measures. 35

Compulsory insurance is one of those cure-alls for accountability that is regularly put forward, which is fine in principle, but although the person who just killed your dog might be able to offer compensation, you'd still have to catch them first. Registration is another oft-proposed solution to the problem. Japan is the only country that requires bikes to be registered. Switzerland and others phased it out because of the cost and the bureaucracy. Now, the UK loves a bit of red tape, but registering every single bike? I don't think so. And apart from that, the freedom of cycling is a big draw for many of us. Take that away and it becomes another bureaucratic burden. 40 45

Sample candidate response 1 Section A

Section A

Read the material for Section A in the Insert before answering Questions 1 to 5.

For Questions 1 to 3, there are four possible answers, A, B, C and D. Choose the one you consider correct and write its letter on the dotted line provided.

1 Which of the following is **least** likely to be a factor in the family's decision to change their existing car?

- A The age of their car.
- B The colour of their car.
- C The reliability of their car.
- D The amount they would get for their car.

B..... [1]

2 Which of the following **best** explains why DVD screens in the Geronimo are fitted **only** in the rear?

- A There is insufficient room for a DVD screen in the front.
- B It would make the price of the car considerably cheaper.
- C It is illegal as a dashboard DVD screen would distract the driver.
- D Proximity to the engine would cause interference with the sound.

C..... [1]

3 Which of the following would **not** explain why a government would offer incentives to purchase hybrid cars?

- A To reduce traffic congestion in towns and cities.
- B To slow down global warming.
- C To reduce pollution in towns and cities.
- D To conserve fossil fuels.

A..... [1]

- 4 (i) Using continuous prose, in about 100 words explain which **one** of the cars under consideration would **best** meet the needs of the family. In addition to the advantages you should include **one** disadvantage. You should restrict your discussion to your chosen car.

The Ecodream ~~would be best~~. Though the electricity bill of the family might considerably rise up while charging the car, money can still be saved as no tax will be paid since the car has a low CO₂ emission figure. Mr and Mrs Kumala will also be able to travel to work and back home without any fuel because of its 50km range in electric mode. This will allow them to save money ^{because} ~~since~~ ^{of their} ~~they are on~~ a tight budget. Also, its compact size will favour Mr Kumala who has some trouble with parking. Being a member of the Environmental Party, Mrs Kumala may also prefer this eco-friendly car.

[104 words]

[10]

- (ii) Using continuous prose, in about 100 words explain which **one** of the cars under consideration would be **least** suitable. In addition to the disadvantages you should include **one** advantage. You should restrict your discussion to your chosen car.

Geronimo would be least suitable. Although Geronimo, with its rear DVD screen would be suitable for Matilda who is easily bored, ~~by~~ owning the car might exceed the family's tight budget. The insurance may be high because of young driver, Mercurio and unexperienced Claudia. Moreover, the tax due to the high CO₂ emission of the car will be considerable. With only one year guarantee on the car and the fact that the family is not mechanically minded may be troublesome in the future. Also, the rather big size of the Geronimo might make it difficult for Mr Kumala to park it.

[98 words]

[10]

- 5 State **two** pieces of information in the passage which have little relevance to the choice of car.

Claudia hopes to study modern languages at the local university.
Mrs Kumala is a doctor.

[2]

Sample candidate response 1 Section B

Section B

Read the material for Section B in the Insert before answering Questions 6 to 11.

For Questions 6 to 9 there are four possible answers, A, B, C, and D. Choose the one you consider correct and write its letter on the dotted line provided.

- 6 Which of the following is **closest** in meaning to 'cause' in line 7?
- A effect of an activity
 B purpose of an activity
 C activity deserving support
 D nature of an activity
C..... [1]
- 7 Which of the following is the **correct** interpretation of the figures given in lines 10 to 12?
- A A cyclist has a 98% chance of being killed or seriously injured if hit by a motor vehicle.
 B Pedestrians are more likely to be killed than cyclists if hit by a motor vehicle.
 C Cyclists are more likely to be killed than pedestrians if hit by a motor vehicle.
 D Pedestrians are more likely to be killed by a motor vehicle than by a bike.
D..... [1]
- 8 Which of the following words is **closest** in meaning to 'breathtakingly' (line 13)?
- A visibly
 B astonishingly
 C inexcusably
 D seriously
B..... [1]
- 9 Which of the following is the most probable interpretation of the figures given in line 53?
- A A cyclist is more likely to break the law than a motorist.
 B A motorist is just as likely to break the law as a cyclist.
 C 9,733 fines were issued to car drivers.
 D There are more motorists than cyclists on the road.
C..... [1]

In questions 10 and 11 you may answer using continuous prose or bullet points.

10 (i) Give five examples of what the author regards as bad behaviour by cyclists.

- Cyclists pull out stunts on the road.
- They have no courtesy and can cut across one's path unexpectedly.
- They cross the wrong side of the road at full speed for a parking spot.
- They whizz down footpaths and ring their bell continuously so that passengers/pedestrians make way for them.
- Many cyclists jump red lights.

[5]

(ii) Using your own knowledge, list five benefits of cycling.

- Cycling is good for one's physical health.
- Cycling is an eco-friendly mean of transport.
- ~~Cycling prevents traffic congestions.~~
- Using bicycles instead of cars limits traffic congestions.
- It is the cheapest means of transport for an individual.
- Cycling in busy areas is the fastest way of travelling.

[5]

(iii) Identify two measures mentioned by the author to improve cyclists' behaviour, and briefly explain why the author **does not** believe they would work.

~~Cyclists could~~ Compulsory insurance might have to be paid by cyclists who committed crimes. ~~However~~ However according to the author this would not work as catching the cyclists would be difficult. Moreover each bike could be registered but the cost and the bureaucracy might discourage countries to apply this.

[4]

- 11 (i) Suggest **three** reasons why an officer 'can do little more than shake his fist' (lines 57 to 58).
- There is no way to identify the cyclist since the bicycles do not have registration numbers.
 - Following the cyclist in an area full of other cyclists may prove to be difficult as there is no concrete information to identify him.
 - Also, chasing a rather small and fast vehicle, like the bicycle is quite difficult.
- [3]
- (ii) What does the author mean by not being 'a cyclist with a capital "c"' (line 59)?
- He is not a real cyclist as such, meaning that he is not a die-hard cyclist. ~~For him~~, He does not take cycling very seriously.
- [2]
- (iii) Why do you think the author decided to remain anonymous?
- According to him, cyclists are a sensitive bunch. Revealing his real identity might be dangerous for him if some cyclists are hurt by his opinion and decide to find him.
- [2]

Examiner comments (Response 1)	Mark 48
Consistently good performance over all the questions	
1), 2), 3) 1 mark each	(3 marks)
4i) develops 4 valid considerations and prose largely clear and accurate.	(9 marks)
4ii) Makes 5 points which are mostly developed	(10 marks)
5) 2 marks out of a maximum of 2	(2 marks)
6), 7), 8), 1 mark each	(3 marks)
9) No marks	(0 marks)
10 i), ii) & iii) 1 mark per point to a maximum of 5 in each part	(14 marks)
11i) Offers 3 correct reasons	(3 marks)
11ii) Clear paraphrasing	(2 marks)
11iii) Clear explanation	(2 marks)

Sample candidate response 2 Section A

Section A

Read the material for Section A in the Insert before answering Questions 1 to 5.

For Questions 1 to 3, there are four possible answers, A, B, C and D. Choose the one you consider correct and write its letter on the dotted line provided.

1 Which of the following is least likely to be a factor in the family's decision to change their existing car?

- A The age of their car.
- B The colour of their car.
- C The reliability of their car.
- D The amount they would get for their car.

~~B~~ D [1]

2 Which of the following best explains why DVD screens in the Geronimo are fitted only in the rear?

- A There is insufficient room for a DVD screen in the front.
- B It would make the price of the car considerably cheaper.
- C It is illegal as a dashboard DVD screen would distract the driver.
- D Proximity to the engine would cause interference with the sound.

C [1]

3 Which of the following would not explain why a government would offer incentives to purchase hybrid cars?

- A To reduce traffic congestion in towns and cities.
- B To slow down global warming.
- C To reduce pollution in towns and cities.
- D To conserve fossil fuels.

A [1]

- 4 (i) Using continuous prose, in about 100 words explain which **one** of the cars under consideration would **best** meet the needs of the family. In addition to the advantages you should include **one** disadvantage. You should restrict your discussion to your chosen car.

The Cuboid would best meet the needs of the family. Firstly, it is fitted with parking sensors which would help ~~out~~ Mr Kumala with his clumsy parking skills. It is also equipped with a roof rack which could carry their sporting equipments when they go on adventures on week-ends. Besides, it has a comprehensive 4 seven year guarantee which is essential as none of the members are mechanically minded. Its CO₂ emissions is relatively low ^{would not tarnish} the reputation of ^{the} Mrs Kumala ^{as a} member of the Environmental Party, as well as ^{be} low tax for 12 months. However the ^{considered} Cuboid is not ^{the} trendy by young people which might affect Mercutio as he is very fashion ~~conscious~~ conscious.

[10]

- (ii) Using continuous prose, in about 100 words explain which **one** of the cars under consideration would be **least** suitable. In addition to the disadvantages you should include **one** advantage. You should restrict your discussion to your chosen car.

The least suitable car would be the Geonimo. Since the family is on a tight budget, the high tax for 12 months is not convenient as well as the costly insurance, especially since Claudia does not hold a full driving license. The high CO₂ emissions would be a nuisance to Mrs Kumala's reputation as member of the Environmental Party. ^{It is a} ~~The~~ low mileage model car ^{but} Mr Kumala has to travel long distances ^{the} ~~place~~ ^{which now entertain} times a week. However it is equipped with DVD players ^{to} ~~entertain~~ ^{entertain} Mercutio on car journeys.

[10]

- 5 State **two** pieces of information in the passage which have little relevance to the choice of car.

Claudia hopes to study modern languages

Mercutio is studying at university

[2]

Sample candidate response 2 Section B

Section B

Read the material for Section B in the Insert before answering Questions 6 to 11.

For Questions 6 to 9 there are four possible answers, A, B, C, and D. Choose the one you consider correct and write its letter on the dotted line provided.

6 Which of the following is **closest** in meaning to 'cause' in line 7?

- A effect of an activity
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- C activity deserving support
- D nature of an activity

~~A~~ ~~B~~ C [1]

7 Which of the following is the **correct** interpretation of the figures given in lines 10 to 12?

- A A cyclist has a 98% chance of being killed or seriously injured if hit by a motor vehicle. ✗
- B Pedestrians are more likely to be killed than cyclists if hit by a motor vehicle. ✗
- C Cyclists are more likely to be killed than pedestrians if hit by a motor vehicle. ✗
- D Pedestrians are more likely to be killed by a motor vehicle than by a bike. ✓

D [1]

8 Which of the following words is **closest** in meaning to 'breathtakingly' (line 13)?

- A visibly
- B astonishingly
- C inexcusably
- D seriously

B [1]

9 Which of the following is the most probable interpretation of the figures given in line 53?

- A A cyclist is more likely to break the law than a motorist. X
- B A motorist is just as likely to break the law as a cyclist. X
- C 9,733 fines were issued to car drivers. -
- D There are more motorists than cyclists on the road. -

9733
4088
13818

D

[1]

In questions 10 and 11 you may answer using continuous prose or bullet points.

10 (i) Give five examples of what the author regards as bad behaviour by cyclists.

- ^{Cutting} They ~~cut~~ across the path of pedestrians, cars or ^{other} cyclists unexpectedly.
- They yell at people for having slowed down ~~down~~ ^{regardless of the} situation.
- Jumping red lights.
- Going at full speed down crowded footpaths.
- Furiously ringing their bells to push people aside.

[5]

(ii) Using your own knowledge, list five benefits of cycling.

Cycling is a means of physical exercise which is good for the mind and body as it reduces the risk of diseases and promotes a healthy lifestyle. Using bicycles as a means. It emits zero CO₂ hence is not detrimental to the environment. Cycling as a sport creates social interactions and even friendships among members as they meet up routinely for practice. The use of bicycles instead of cars reduces traffic jams.

[5]

- (iii) Identify **two** measures mentioned by the author to improve cyclists' behaviour, and briefly explain why the author **does not** believe they would work.

Compulsory insurance and Registration
It is very difficult to catch a cyclist or identify him
hence ^{asking for} compensation for his act. The process of registering
every bike is costly and bureaucratic.

[4]

- 11 (i) Suggest **three** reasons why an officer 'can do little more than shake his fist' (lines 57 to 58).

- ~~very~~ It is difficult to stop the cyclist or catch him
- ~~It is~~ There is no means of identifying the cyclist and hold him to account.
- The officer has no means of catching up with the cyclist at a later date to hold him to account.

[3]

- (ii) What does the author mean by not being 'a cyclist with a capital "c"' (line 59)?

He is not one of the rude and non courteous cyclists which behave horribly on the road.

[2]

- (iii) Why do you think the author decided to remain anonymous?

The author would not like to ^{run his relationship with} be harassed by the ^{community} of the cyclists, offended and sensitive ^{to criticism} cyclists who had behaviours as he ^{is a member} and knows them personally and what they are capable of.

The author would not like to ruin his relationship with the cyclists as they are sensitive to criticism and he has been a member of the cycling community for 12 years

[2]

Examiner comments (Response 2)	Mark 47
<i>Develops points concisely and understanding is clearly shown.</i>	
<i>Loses marks on Question 1 and 11ii) as misunderstands the quoted phrase.</i>	
<i>1), 0 marks</i>	<i>(0 marks)</i>
<i>2), 3) 1 mark each</i>	<i>(2 marks)</i>
<i>Question 4 is well-organised</i>	
<i>4i) develops 4 valid considerations and prose largely clear and accurate.</i>	<i>(10 marks)</i>
<i>4ii) Makes 5 points which are mostly developed</i>	<i>(10 marks)</i>
<i>5) 2 marks out of a maximum of 2</i>	<i>(2 marks)</i>
<i>6), 7), 8), 9) 1 mark each</i>	<i>(4 marks)</i>
<i>10 i), ii) 1 mark per point to a maximum of 5 in each part</i>	<i>(10 marks)</i>
<i>iii) 1 mark per point to a maximum of 4</i>	<i>(4 marks)</i>
<i>11i) Offers 3 correct reasons</i>	<i>(3 marks)</i>
<i>11ii) Clear paraphrasing</i>	<i>(0 marks)</i>
<i>11iii) Clear explanation</i>	<i>(2 marks)</i>

Sample candidate response 3 Section A

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A
..... [1]

- 4 (i) Using continuous prose, in about 100 words explain which one of the cars under consideration would best meet the needs of the family. In addition to the advantages you should include one disadvantage. You should restrict your discussion to your chosen car.

The Mercedes Geronimo seems to be a good choice. It is a spacious, high-performance car. Since it is suitable for off-road driving, it is suitable for the family since they like to spend weekends visiting remote lakes and forest to enjoy outdoor sports such as canoeing, windsurfing and hiking. Since Merutio holds a full driving license, insurance cost won't be that high for him. Also Merutio is very fashion conscious which means that the Geronimo to him will be a good choice. Compared to other models, Geronimo has dual players as a standard fitting for rear-seat passengers. This could be kept Mahilda busy and avoids that she irritate other members of the family. However, the Geronimo is a very expensive car which is beyond the budget of the family.

[10]

- (ii) Using continuous prose, in about 100 words explain which **one** of the cars under consideration would be **least** suitable. In addition to the disadvantages you should include **one** advantage. You should restrict your discussion to your chosen car.

The Ecodream seems to be the least suitable as opposed to other cars. It is not mentioned whether it is suitable for off road driving. The family won't be able to take it for their outdoor sports. The Ecodream might not be a car with good aesthetics, that is it might not be good choice for Marcuso who is very fashion conscious. Also, the Ecodream has a range of 50km in full electric mode which is not enough for Mr Kumula who each week travel to his office using more than 50km. Additionally, it is not fitted with DVD player which might have been useful to prevent Makhilda from irritating other members of the family. However, Ecodream might has a low CO₂ emission figure which is below 50g/km. Therefore, they are liable to tax payment. [10]

- 5 State **two** pieces of information in the passage which have little relevance to the choice of car.

No one in the family is mechanically minded.
Makhilda is 10 yrs of age. [2]

Sample candidate response 3 Section B

Section B

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D

[1]

In questions 10 and 11 you may answer using continuous prose or bullet points.

10 (i) Give five examples of what the author regards as bad behaviour by cyclists.

During rush hour, cyclists ride very fast which might be dangerous.
Some cyclists are not courteous.
The continuous ringing of bell by city cyclists which sometimes make of pedestrians angry.
There is lot of cyclists jumping red lights and whizzing down footpaths

[5]

(ii) Using your own knowledge, list five benefits of cycling.

- It is a good form of exercise
- It reduces traffic congestion
- It reduces carbon dioxide emissions which reduces air pollution
- It reduces noise pollution
- It is safer than other form of transport as it is less prone to deadly accidents apart from falling down.

[5]

- (iii) Identify two measures mentioned by the author to improve cyclists' behaviour, and briefly explain why the author **does not** believe they would work.

Registration - It might give rise to a lot of bureaucratic paperwork which can be a burden.

Laws on the highway for riders - Whether riders can be trained to stick to the rules is questionable.

[4]

- 11 (i) Suggest three reasons why an officer 'can do little more than shake his fist' (lines 57 to 58).

An officer has a duty to maintain safety, law and order. He can stop the cyclist and ask him to slow down or fine him.

[3]

- (ii) What does the author mean by not being 'a cyclist with a capital "c"' (line 59)?

What he means that he is not totally reliant on cycling. He might be using other forms of transport. That is, he might not be a full-time cyclist.

[2]

- (iii) Why do you think the author decided to remain anonymous?

Maybe because he does not want to be persecuted or angry his friends. It is possible that he might be from a cycling community.

[2]

Examiner comments (Response 3)	Mark 31
<p>Some problems with understanding information /vocabulary which affects the MCQ scores throughout.</p>	
<p>Q1 1/1</p>	
<p>Q2 0/1</p>	(2 marks)
<p>Q3 1/1</p>	
<p>4i) 4 points captured and development not consistent, so one criteria not satisfied, hence 8 marks. Exceeds word limit by quite a lot and credit is lost due to lack of concision.</p>	(8 marks)
<p>4ii) 3 points and development not consistent so two criteria not satisfied, hence 6 marks. Exceeds word limit by quite a lot and credit is lost due to lack of concision.</p>	(6 marks)
<p>Q5 The candidate has looked in the list of information to be considered rather than the passage for one of their answers.</p>	(1 marks)
<p>Q 6-9. Less successful at interpretation / inference questions</p>	
<p>Q6 0/1</p>	
<p>Q7 0/1</p>	
<p>Q8 1/1</p>	(2 marks)
<p>Q9 1/1</p>	
<p>10i) 5/5</p>	(5 marks)
<p>10ii) Lists three benefits only and repeats point about pollution</p>	(3 marks)
<p>10 iii) Unable to identify and explain idea of insurance issue.</p>	(2 marks)
<p>11i) & ii) Scores zero for both as understanding / explanation of inference is weak.</p>	(0 marks + 0 marks)
<p>11iii)</p>	(2 marks)

Sample candidate response 4 Section A

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Section A

Read the material for Section A in the Insert before answering Questions 1 to 5.

For Questions 1 to 3, there are four possible answers, A, B, C and D. Choose the one you consider correct and write its letter on the dotted line provided.

1 Which of the following is **least** likely to be a factor in the family's decision to change their existing car?

- A The age of their car.
- B The colour of their car.
- C The reliability of their car.
- D The amount they would get for their car.

..... A B [1]

2 Which of the following **best** explains why DVD screens in the Geronimo are fitted **only** in the rear?

- A There is insufficient room for a DVD screen in the front.
- B It would make the price of the car considerably cheaper.
- C It is illegal as a dashboard DVD screen would distract the driver.
- D Proximity to the engine would cause interference with the sound.

..... C [1]

3 Which of the following would **not** explain why a government would offer incentives to purchase hybrid cars?

- A To reduce traffic congestion in towns and cities.
- B To slow down global warming.
- C To reduce pollution in towns and cities.
- D To conserve fossil fuels.

..... A [1]

- 4 (i) Using continuous prose, in about 100 words explain which one of the cars under consideration would best meet the needs of the family. In addition to the advantages you should include one disadvantage. You should restrict your discussion to your chosen car.

In regards of the following aspects that Kubota carried it is suitable for the family use. It description ^{fits} with a family car as it seem to be spacious for ⁹ the five family member with enough seats for said ~~the~~ during weekend they organised energizing activities that require the transportation of huge materials, so the roof rack is ~~an~~ useful ~~one~~ for their accommodation and will easily their journey. Mr Kumala seem will ^{appreciate} ~~appreciate~~ the parking sensors present in the Kubota as they will present him from paying for unwanted ^{as previously} expense, and the family will be ~~also~~ covered with a seven year guarantee which will release them in case of accident. Although it rather acceptable emission of CO₂ this car seem old fashion especially for Mercutio which like modernity [10] and acquired ~~with~~ high tax rate.

- Spacious
- roof rack - activities
- parking sensor.
- 7 guarantee
- acceptable level of CO₂ emit

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- (ii) Using continuous prose, in about 100 words explain which **one** of the cars under consideration would be **least** suitable. In addition to the disadvantages you should include **one** advantage. You should restrict your discussion to your chosen car.

~~Generino is seem the least appropriate car as it look like one with Generino seem the inappropriate one as it is not in the range of finance that the family is expected. It do not fit with the environmental measure as it will contribute a lot to global warming as due to it emits ^{emission of} CO₂ at a high rate level, this will make Dr Kam Kumala ^{feel} ill at ease as an environmental fighter. It come along with a DVD player even it is at the for rear-seat passenger. Dies do not certify that it will not disturb the driver during the trip. No one of the family has experience in mechanic but the one year guarantee is not enough to as coverage. But the family miss the chance of having a car which enable car travel in whatever type of road which ^{will} have being good for their outdoors activities.~~

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- 5 State **two** pieces of information in the passage which have little relevance to the choice of car.

That Nathilda is easily bored and on car journeys and so she tends to irritate other members of the family. [2]

Sample candidate response 4 Section B

Section B

Read the material for Section B in the Insert before answering Questions 6 to 11.

For Questions 6 to 9 there are four possible answers, A, B, C, and D. Choose the one you consider correct and write its letter on the dotted line provided.

6 Which of the following is **closest** in meaning to 'cause' in line 7?

- A effect of an activity
- B purpose of an activity
- C activity deserving support
- D nature of an activity

..... A [1]

7 Which of the following is the **correct** interpretation of the figures given in lines 10 to 12?

- A A cyclist has a 98% chance of being killed or seriously injured if hit by a motor vehicle.
- B Pedestrians are more likely to be killed than cyclists if hit by a motor vehicle.
- C Cyclists are more likely to be killed than pedestrians if hit by a motor vehicle.
- D Pedestrians are more likely to be killed by a motor vehicle than by a bike.

..... D [1]

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.....c..... [1]

In questions 10 and 11 you may answer using continuous prose or bullet points.

10 (i) Give five examples of what the author regards as bad behaviour by cyclists.

- Cyclist do not have respect for other road users and think that every attention should be kept for them instead for needy one.
 - They do not also use pedestrian way to ~~cross~~ ^{find their way} across.
 - They do not respect red lights which might lead to ~~the~~ an increasing level of accident.
 - They put their lives as well as other users' lives in danger by their irresponsible action on the road.
- [5]

(ii) Using your own knowledge, list five benefits of cycling.

- It is an ecological way of contributing in the repair of the ozone layer as it do not emit CO₂.
 - Reduce congestion which lead to huge traffic jam.
 - It is prominent way of transport that also brings benefit to our health as it helps to burn out ~~extra~~ calories.
 - It is ~~accessible~~ accessible to every income corner as it is the cheapest mean of transport.
 - Cycling do not entail huge training and is less noisy than motor vehicle.
- [5]

- (iii) Identify **two** measures mentioned by the author to improve cyclists' behaviour, and briefly explain why the author **does not** believe they would work.

• He suggests registration which is like Japan but it requires huge process of administration. He suggests registration measures such as Japan but this requires huge administration process which hinder its application and it may be time consuming.
 • Compulsory insurance but it won't work even in every situation. If it is an accident arise and there are witnesses it will be relevant but in the absence of proof just put this idea aside. [4]

- 11 (i) Suggest **three** reasons why an officer 'can do little more than shake his fist' (lines 57 to 58).

• It is ~~impossible~~ ^{unrealistic} for him to identify ^{a bike} ~~the~~ cyclists as their are no specific signs to recognise such as registration number.
 • The cyclist will not wait for the policeman after being mistaken, he will go as far as possible.
 • There are ~~no~~ ^{some} relevant the author suggest that the cyclist are of sensitive. [3]

- (ii) What does the author mean by not being 'a cyclist with a capital "c"' (line 59)?

This indicates that he act ~~is~~ ^{is} responsible as a cyclist as being one for twelve years he ~~is~~ ^{he} acquires enough experience as a cyclist an can be called a "Cyclist". [2]

- (iii) Why do you think the author decided to remain anonymous?

Telling his name will add name to his enemy's list as ~~the~~ he is pointing cyclist as ~~is~~ ^{is} acting unwise this will make him ^{look} arrogant of denouncing them ~~publicly~~ ^{stridently}. [2]

Examiner comments (Response 4)	Mark 31
Q1 1	(1 mark)
Q2 1	(1 mark)
Q3 1	(1 mark)
4i) Makes 4 points though not always clearly expressed. Exceeds word limit by quite a lot and credit is lost due to lack of concision.	(8 marks)
4 ii) Quite clumsily expressed, does not make 4 valid considerations so 2 criteria are not satisfied. Exceeds word limit by quite a lot and credit is lost due to lack of concision.	(5 marks)
Doesn't write as economically with occasional lack of clarity. Has some difficulty interpreting given material Q5.	(0 marks)
Vocab not so strong Q6 to 9.	(1 mark)
Q10i) Provides 3 of the 5 examples	(3 marks)
Q10ii) Provides all 5 benefits of cycling	(5 marks)
Q10iii) Fails to explain why the author does not believe Insurance will work (i.e. there will be problems identifying cyclists)	(3 marks)
11i) Gives 2 valid reasons	(2 marks)
11ii) Doesn't understand inference of given phrase	(0 marks)
11iii) Has some idea of the reason but not able to express this clearly and some lack of control over vocabulary 'arrogant of denouncing them stringently'.	(1 mark)

Mark scheme

- 1 B [1]
- 2 C [1]
- 3 A [1]

4(i) and (ii)

The pros and cons of the options are as follows:

Geronimo

- Lots of room for all the family and their equipment – especially for weekend trips and holidays
- Interior space could mean that Matilda is less trouble
- DVD players could reduce boredom for certain passengers (Matilda)
- 4WD should make it easy to access remote spots away from major roads
- Performance should appeal to certain family members (Mercurio)

However...

- Not an environmentally friendly vehicle (Mrs K)
- Second-hand car – more likely to break down – family unable to fix it
- Limited warranty could lead to considerable expenditure on repairs by garage
- Likely to have high fuel consumption (potential dev = family budget)
- Highest insurance and tax rating (potential dev = family budget)
- No parking sensors (potential dev = could cause a problem because of the car's size (Mr K))
- Not an ideal car for a learner driver (Claudia)
- Need to fill up at petrol station – Mr K (potential dev = long queues)

Cuboid

- Roof rack part of the package – good for transporting canoe/camping equipment, etc.
- New car with excellent long-term warranty means less worry/expense over the years
- Parking sensors helpful for learner driver (Claudia) and/or Mr K

Following advantages are not vehicle specific but can be credited:

- Not too expensive to tax/insure
- Five seater car adequate for family's needs

However...

- The car's image may mean that the children oppose the purchase
- And therefore Mercurio might go in his friends' cars and create worries for his parents
- Possible problems in accessing remote locations (potential dev = no 4WD/lifestyle)
- Not **the most** environmentally friendly car (potential dev = Mrs K)
- Not **the cheapest** to tax (potential dev = family budget)
- Need to use petrol station – Mr K (potential dev = long queues)

Ecodream

- Strong environmental credentials (Mrs K)
- No road tax (potential dev = family budget)
- Mr K can make a return journey to work without having to fill up (distances)
Simple ref to convenience of home charging of car = partial credit
- As the smallest vehicle likely to be the most suitable for a learner driver

However...

- As a compact, will it be big enough for five passengers in comfort?
- No DVD to entertain rear seat passengers (Matilda)
- Will it be able to carry the family's equipment (no roof rack for camping gear)
- Will it be suitable for 'off road' – no 4WD = harder to reach remote locations
- Warranty only three years – could be a problem if the family keeps the car for a length of time

In each part of **Q4** award:

- 9–10 for a balanced response (to include both sides)
of at least four relevant considerations
that makes use of analytical skills (development)
using clear continuous prose;
- 7–8 when one of the criteria above has not been satisfied;
- 5–6 when two of the criteria above have not been satisfied;
- 3–4 when the answer is flawed but contains some relevant material;
- 0–2 when there is little or no merit in the answer. [10] + [10]

Positive points for the cars should be unique to each vehicle. If not, the point must be developed in order to gain partial credit.

Examiners should draw a vertical line (using the pink highlighter tool) to indicate the point at which the word limit is exceeded. Material beyond this point should not be credited.

- 5 The obvious answers would appear to be Mrs K's occupation and Claudia's choice of degree course. [2 × 1 = 2]
- 6 C [1]
- 7 D [1]
- 8 B [1]
- 9 D [1]
- 10 (i) Credit any of the following:
- Ride too quickly
 - Little regard for anyone else
 - Cutting people up
 - Pushing people aside
 - Hurling abuse
 - Use the wrong side of the road to ride through a pedestrian crossing
 - Bully people out of the way on paths/aggressive or excessive use of bell
 - Ride through red lights
 - Unpredictable behaviour
 - Wheelie on the wrong side of the road
- Comments about not obeying the rules of the road are not specific examples [5 × 1 = 5]

(ii) Credit any reasonable suggestions. The following could feature:

- Health/exercise (physical)
- Mental health/stress
- Slowing down and enjoying the environment
- Environmentally friendly in terms of pollution
- Eases congestion in towns/cities
- Cost (compared with other forms of transport)
- Freedom/ease of access to paths
- Sociable activity/clubs
- Sporting activity
- Bikes are easy to park
- No need for a licence (less bureaucratic)
- Available to all ages

[5 × 1 = 5]

(iii) Insurance (1) but there are problems identifying cyclists (1); (don't allow 'too many cyclists')
Registration (1) but (countries such as Switzerland found it) too bureaucratic/costly (1)

[2 + 2 = 4]

11 (i) Because:

- The officer was unable to apprehend the cyclist
- He was attending to a more important incident
- He was on foot and unable to follow the cyclist
- He was in a car but unable to follow the cyclist's route
- The officer couldn't identify the cyclist

[3 × 1 = 3]

(ii) The author isn't as committed/enthusiastic (1) as many other cyclists (1) that he would put into a different category (1).

[Max 2]

(iii) He has friends/acquaintances (1) who are sensitive (1) and he could feel threatened/intimidated (1) if they knew he had written a critical article about them/cyclists (1)

[Max 2]