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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/22

Paper 2 Comprehension

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen. Do **not** use correction fluid or tape.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

This document has **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A

Read the material for Section A in the insert before answering the questions in Section A.

1 (a) With reference to the Additional Information **only**,

- (i) identify the **one** piece of information which is the **least** relevant when the Kushwala Cricket Club Committee chooses the new sponsor.

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 [1]

- (ii) identify the **one** reason why Transport-You might insist on installing its digital advertising sign at the cricket club's entrance.

Justify your response.

reason

 justification
 [2]

- (iii) identify the **one** reason why Mr Karanio should **not** be involved in making the final decision.

Justify your response.

reason

 justification
 [2]





- (b)** Considering **only** the advantages, explain why the Kushwala Cricket Club Committee might be **more** likely to choose Dining De-lite as the new sponsor.

Do **not** refer to Transport-You.

Answer in continuous prose.

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- (c) Explain why the funding model proposed by Dining De-lite might **not** appeal to the Kushwala Cricket Club Committee.

Do **not** refer to Transport-You.

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..... [2]

- (d) Explain **two** reasons why the Kushwala Cricket Club Committee might prefer to choose Transport-You as the new sponsor.

Do **not** refer to Dining De-lite.

reason 1

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reason 2

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..... [4]

- (e) Explain why Mrs Schmidt might only have a short-term interest in Kushwala Cricket Club.

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..... [2]

- (f) In your opinion, suggest **two** different advantages for young people of participating regularly in team sports such as cricket.

Do **not** repeat material in Section A.

advantage 1

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advantage 2

..... [2]

[Total: 25]



Section B

Read the material for Section B in the insert before answering the questions in Section B.

2 (a) From the material, identify the **exact** word or phrase which means the following:

(i) introduced (lines 1–8)

..... [1]

(ii) worry about (lines 1–8)

..... [1]

(iii) contempt (lines 51–58)

..... [1]

(b) State the meaning of the following words or phrases as used in the material.

Answer **using your own words** as far as possible.

(i) trialling (line 18)

..... [1]

(ii) ineffective (line 29)

..... [1]

(iii) samples (line 63)

..... [1]

(iv) creative (line 68)

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(v) cut labour costs (line 68)

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(c) Identify the **two** ways self-checkouts have failed to live up to their promises, according to one Chief Executive Officer.

way 1

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way 2

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[2]





- (d) Summarise the disadvantages of self-checkouts for staff, according to head cashier James (lines 9–16).

Answer **in about 40 words** using continuous prose.

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- (e) (i) Explain why self-checkouts are not really any faster than a regular checkout line, according to Christopher Andrews.

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- (ii) Explain why self-checkouts have not reduced the need for workers, according to Christopher Andrews.

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- (f) Explain why the number of self-checkouts is increasing, even when the majority of people do not actually want them (lines 42–45).

Answer **in about 20 words** using continuous prose.

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(g) (i) Identify the **two** tactics used at self-checkouts by fraudsters (lines 46–50).

Answer in **about 20 words** using continuous prose.

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(ii) Identify how the retailers' response to fraudsters has made the shopping experience less enjoyable, according to Andrews.

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(h) (i) Identify the problem posed by self-checkouts for people with limited vision or wheelchair users.

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(ii) Explain the threat to human health posed by self-checkouts, as outlined by Dr Adam Roberts of the Infection Innovation Consortium.

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..... [1]

(i) Identify **one** way Andrews recently demonstrated how customers can oppose self-checkouts.

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..... [1]

[Total: 25]





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