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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/21

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) State the **one** piece of the Additional Information which is the **least** relevant when Mr Perez is deciding which security option to choose for Fit Shoes.

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..... [1]

- (b) (i) With reference to the Additional Information **only**, explain why Mr Perez might be concerned that Fit Shoes could be a target for thieves.

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..... [2]

- (ii) With reference to Mr Perez's notes taken at the local business meeting **only**, identify **two** pieces of information which suggest that he might **not** need to improve his security after all.

piece 1
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piece 2
..... [2]





- (c)** Considering **only** the advantages, explain why Mr Perez is **more** likely to choose Hi-Tech Secure (HTS) to improve security.

Do **not** refer to Watch-My-Office (WMO).

Answer in continuous prose.

[10]





(d) In your opinion, suggest why Mrs Perez might **not** recommend Hi-Tech Secure (HTS) to her husband, having accessed their website.

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..... [2]

(e) Explain **four** disadvantages for Mr Perez if he chooses Watch-My-Office (WMO).

Do **not** refer to Hi-Tech Secure (HTS).

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disadvantage 2

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disadvantage 3

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disadvantage 4

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[8]

[Total: 25]





Section B

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

2 (a) Identify the **exact** word from the material which means the following:

(i) out of place (lines 1–9)

..... [1]

(ii) ridiculous (lines 15–22)

..... [1]

(b) Identify **two** of the reasons why there is growing support for opening the Philippines' unused nuclear power plant (lines 5–9).

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

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(c) Identify the features of the nuclear power plant which Congressman Mark Cojuangco seems proud to show to his visitors (lines 12–20).

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

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- (d) (i) Identify **two** reasons why President Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos Jr is especially keen to reopen the Bataan nuclear power plant.

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- (ii) Explain why the Bataan nuclear power plant never became operational after construction was completed.

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- (e) Explain the ways Mr Cojuangco dismisses the objections to the plan for reopening the Bataan nuclear power plant. (lines 35–42).

Answer **in about 30 words** using continuous prose.

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..... [3]

- (f) State the **exact** meaning of the following **three** phrases, as used in the material:

- (i) waging an uphill battle (line 21)

..... [1]

- (ii) put on hold (line 33)

..... [1]

- (iii) draw comparisons (line 60).

..... [1]



- (g) (i) Explain the anti-nuclear groups' objections to the Bataan project (lines 51–59).

Answer **in about 30 words** using continuous prose.

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- (ii) Explain the geographical reason why a nuclear power plant in the Philippines could be dangerous.

..... [2]

- (h) In your opinion, explain why a country may object to the development of nuclear power plants in neighbouring countries.

Do **not** refer to information in Section B.

..... [2]

[Total: 25]





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