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## ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/21

Paper 2 Comprehension

October/November 2019

1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

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### 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 or correction fluid.
- 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.

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**Section A**

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

- 1 (a) Considering the advantages **and** at least **one** disadvantage, explain which **one** of the three sports stars would be the **most** suitable for the club to open the tournament.

You should concentrate on your chosen sports star and **not** refer to the other sports stars.

Answer in continuous prose, **using your own words** as far as possible.

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- (b) Considering **three** disadvantages **and one** advantage, explain which **one** of the three sports stars would be the **least** suitable for the club to open the tournament.

You should concentrate on your chosen sports star and **not** refer to the other sports stars.

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

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- (c) State the **three** pieces of additional information provided which you found the **least** relevant in deciding which sports star to choose.

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(d) Explain what the conversation between Antonia and Saul reveals about the relationship between:

(i) Antonia and the president.

Answer in about 20 words.

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(ii) Antonia and Saul.

Answer in about 20 words. Do not repeat any material used in 1(d)(i).

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**Section B**

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

- 2 (a) In your opinion, explain why Suzy Hansen picked ‘All Sewn Up’ as the title for her article.

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- (b) Explain why it is surprising that the world’s third richest man is based in La Coruña in Galicia. (lines 3 – 5)

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

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- (c) Explain why you think that Ortega does not give interviews and rarely allows his photograph to be taken.

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(d) According to paragraphs 7 and 8, describe how Zara’s business model differs ‘from the norm’.

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

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(e) State the **two** reasons given as to why Inditex can accommodate more expensive workers’ pay rates.

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(f) Explain how 'Inditex has completely changed consumer behaviour', according to Masoud Golsorkhi.

Answer in about 60 words.

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(g) State the meaning of the **two** following words or phrases as they are used in the material.

You may write the answer in one word or a short phrase.

(i) is thriving (line 21)

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(ii) inexorable (line 29)

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(h) Use the original words or phrases in 2(g) in **two** separate sentences to illustrate their meanings as used in the material.

Your sentences should **not** deal with the subject matter of the material.

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