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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Reading

May/June 2021

2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- 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.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



Read **Text A, Bicycle touring**, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)–1(e)** on this question paper.

Question 1

(a) Give the **three** reasons people go bicycle touring, according to paragraph 2.

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- [1]

(b) **Using your own words**, explain what the text means by:

(i) 'fund-raising venture' (line 5):

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- [2]

(ii) 'broad spectrum' (line 7):

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- [2]

(c) Re-read paragraph 3 ('People of all ages ... air.').

Give **two** reasons why bicycle touring might particularly appeal to people who want to improve their physical health.

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- [2]

(d) Re-read paragraphs 4 and 5 ('The good news ... before dark.').

(i) Identify **two** things you should do when training for your bicycle tour.

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- [2]

(ii) Explain why camping rather than staying in hotels during your tour can slow down your progress.

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(e) Re-read paragraph 6 ('Bicycle riders ... home.').

Using your own words, explain why some people might not want to go on a bicycle tour.

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Read **Text C, Into the sunrise: cycling the world, part 2**, in the insert and then answer **Questions 2(a)–2(d)** on this question paper.

Question 2

2 (a) Identify a word or phrase from the text which suggests the same idea as the words underlined:

(i) Chris mended the broken bicycle.

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(ii) Vivian only stopped briefly when she talked.

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(iii) Vivian had adopted the solution of pushing her bicycle along.

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(iv) Vivian and Chris met up with their hosts for the evening.

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(b) Using your own words, explain what the writer means by each of the words underlined:

After more walking / cycling we closed the day making camp by Lake O’Hara. I’d found a great spot with inspirational views of snowy peaks. Vivian seemed concerned about wildlife, particularly bears: ‘I’ve been camping on petrol station forecourts.’

‘Are you serious?’

‘Yes. I decided it was safer.’

Vivian wasn’t exactly happy but began to erect her tent and unpack. I did the same, somewhat faster, then cooked us dinner on my trusty stove. Vivian’s stove was one of the many things she’d thrown away.

(i) closed [1]

(ii) wildlife [1]

(iii) erect [1]

- (c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests his thoughts and feelings that evening.

Use your own words in your explanation.

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'Yes. I thought it was safer.'

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Re-read **Text C, Into the sunrise: cycling the World part 2**, in the insert and then answer **Question 3** on this question paper.

Question 3

You are Vivian. Several months after completing your journey you have written a book about the experience. You are interviewed for a television show to promote your book.

The interviewer asks the following three questions only:

- Can you tell us about the early part of your journey and the kind of difficulties you faced?
- Part of your journey was travelling with Chris – what benefits and drawbacks were there for each of you in travelling together?
- You finished your journey alone – why was that? How do you think the journey changed you?

Write the words of the interview.

Base your interview on what you have read in **Text C**, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the three bullet points.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 10 marks for the quality of your writing.

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