



Read carefully **Passage A, *Train Journey in a Snowstorm***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Questions 1** and **2** on this Question Paper.

Answer all questions using your own words as far as possible.

**Question 1**

- (a) What does the conductor think he has seen ahead on the railway line (line 2)?  
.....[1]
- (b) (i) Why is Fred concerned by what the conductor says (line 3)?  
.....[1]
- (ii) What does Fred think has caused the conductor to say this?  
.....[1]
- (c) Give **two** details about the stationmaster’s reaction to Fred that show he does not agree with Fred’s suggestion (paragraph 2):
  - .....[2]
  - .....[2]
- (d) **Using your own words**, explain what you understand by the phrase: ‘...his face lacerated by the gusts...’ (line 26).  
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.....[2]
- (e) State **two** expressions which suggest that Fred finds driving the train painful (paragraph 6).
  - .....[2]
  - .....[2]
- (f) State **two** reactions of Mr Beeching that suggest he does not want to help Fred (lines 34–39).  
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.....[2]

(g) Complete parts (i) and (ii) to answer **Question 1(g)**.

(i) Re-read paragraph 5. Explain, **using your own words**, what the writer means by the words in *italics* in **each** of the following phrases:

(a) ‘...the train was struggling in the immense white *whirlwind*’ (lines 17–18)

(b) ‘In this uncertain light nothing could be *distinguished*’ (line 18)

(c) ‘...this *wilderness* of snow’ (lines 20–21).

Meaning of the word in *italics*: .....  
.....[1]

Meaning of the word in *italics*: .....  
.....[1]

Meaning of the word in *italics*: .....  
.....[1]

(ii) Explain **how** the language **in each of the phrases in Question (g)(i)** helps to suggest the harshness of the weather conditions.

Explanation:  
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Explanation:  
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Explanation:  
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**[Total: 20]**





Read carefully **Passage B, *Travelling on the Trans-Siberian Railway***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Question 3(a)** and **(b)** on this Question Paper.

**Question 3**

Answer the questions in the order set.

**(a) Notes**

What are the possible problems you might experience when travelling on the Trans-Siberian Railway **and** advice on dealing with them given by the writer, according to **Passage B**?

Write your answers using short **notes**. **Write one point per line.**

You do **not** need to use your own words.

**Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer.**

**The possible problems of travelling on the Trans-Siberian Railway and advice on dealing with them:**

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