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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**1115/02, 1120/02
1123/02**

Paper 2 Comprehension

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted in this examination.

Answer **all** questions.

Leave a space of **one** line between answers to **each part** of a question, e.g. between **1(a)** and **1(b)**.

Leave a space of at least **three** lines after your completed answer to each **whole** question.

The insert contains the passage for comprehension.

Mistakes in spelling, punctuation and grammar may be penalised in any part of the Paper.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **3** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** insert.



Read the passage in the insert and then answer **all** the questions which follow below.

You are recommended to answer the questions in the order set.

Mistakes in spelling, punctuation and grammar may be penalised in any part of the Paper.

From paragraph 1:

- 1 (a) According to the beliefs of ancient peoples, what caused earthquakes to happen? [1]
- (b) Pick out and write down the **single** word which shows that the teacher did not believe that ancient peoples understood what caused earthquakes. [1]

From paragraph 2:

- 2 (a) Explain fully why Reena's mother was angry when Reena came in from school. [2]
- (b) Give **two** reasons why Reena went to bed that night 'in a state of extreme irritability'. Number your answers (i) and (ii). [2]

From paragraph 3:

- 3 Why might Reena's mother's smiling expression in the photograph be described as 'inappropriate at this time'? [1]

From paragraph 5:

- 4 Explain **in your own words** the contrast between the way Reena's mother was pretending to feel and the way she really felt. [2]

From paragraph 7:

- 5 (a) Explain **in your own words** why the baby was 'gurgling with happiness'. [2]
- (b) Give **two** reasons why the task given to Reena and her brothers was 'time-consuming'. Number your answers (i) and (ii). [2]

From paragraph 8:

- 6 (a) Give **two** reasons why, apart from the makeshift nature of their accommodation, Reena spent a 'sleepless night, frantic with worry'. Number your answers (i) and (ii). [2]
- (b) Why would Reena now feel a 'kind of comfort' in the sound of sirens? [1]

From paragraph 9:

- 7 (a) Many people risked their lives by returning to their burning homes. Why does the writer describe this as 'pathetic'? [1]
- (b) Some people were being urged to evacuate the area. Apart from the danger of being burned, in what other way might they have been hurt? [1]

From paragraph 10:

- 8 When Reena returned to school, in which kind of geography lessons did she pay particular attention? Answer **in your own words**. [2]

- 9 From the whole passage:

Choose **five** of the following words. For each of them give **one** word or short phrase (of not more than seven words) which has the same meaning that the word has in the passage.

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| 1. relentlessly (line 9) | 5. stamina (line 64) |
| 2. summon (line 27) | 6. urged (line 83) |
| 3. bizarre (line 32) | 7. looting (line 85) |
| 4. stricken (line 54) | 8. havoc (line 87) |
- [5]

- 10 **Using your own words as far as possible**, write a summary in which you explain how it gradually became clear to Reena that an earthquake was happening, and what the various members of the family did to survive after it.

USE ONLY THE MATERIAL FROM LINE 18 TO LINE 69.

Your summary, which must be in continuous writing (not note form), must be no longer than **160** words, including the 10 words given below.

Begin your summary as follows:

In the morning when Reena woke up, she realised that... [25]

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