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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Reading

May/June 2021

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.
- 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 the reading passages.

This document has **8** pages.

Section 1: Reading for Ideas

Read **Passage 1**, *Rice*, in the insert and answer **all** the questions below.

1 (a) Notes

Identify and **write down** the information which shows the importance of rice from ancient times to the present day, and the reasons for the continuing popularity of rice, as outlined in the passage.

USE MATERIAL FROM THE WHOLE PASSAGE.

At this stage, you do **not** need to use your own words. Use note form. To help you get started, the first point in each section of notes is done for you. You may find it helpful to use bullet points when listing the content points.

You will be awarded up to **12** marks for **content** points.

Content Points

The importance of rice from ancient times to the present day

- *settlements in rice-growing areas became sophisticated cultures*

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The reasons for the continuing popularity of rice

- *it comes in a choice of flavours*

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(b) Summary

Now use your notes from **1(a)** to write a summary of the importance of rice from ancient times to the present day, and the reasons for the continuing popularity of rice, as outlined in the passage.

Use your own words as far as possible. You will be awarded marks for producing a piece of writing which is relevant, well organised and easy to follow.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (**not** note form). You are advised to write between **150** and **180** words, including the 10 words given below.

Begin your summary as follows:

Rice was so important that rice-growing settlements became sophisticated cultures

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2 Re-read paragraphs 1 and 4 and give **one** opinion from paragraph 1 and **two** opinions from paragraph 4.

Paragraph 1

..... [1]

Paragraph 4

..... [1]

Paragraph 4

..... [1]

[Total: 25]

Section 2: Reading for Meaning

Read **Passage 2**, *Pedro*, in the insert and answer **all** the questions below.

From paragraph 1

3 (a) Pedro's note said: 'all jobs done'. How does Pedro emphasise this in his note?

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..... [1]

(b) Why is the writer's husband 'impressed' by Pedro's note?

..... [1]

From paragraph 2

4 (a) Give the **two** reasons why the writer did not want to employ Pedro.

(i)
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(ii)
..... [2]

(b) What did the writer's husband want Pedro to do in the garden?

..... [1]

From paragraph 3

5 (a) The four men arrived with 'chainsaws and an arsenal of useless, ageing gardening tools, plus a stack of ominously heavy lunchboxes'. Give **two** reasons why the writer thought the men would not do the job efficiently.

(i)
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(ii)
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(b) Why do you think the writer was thankful they 'hadn't asked Pedro to do car maintenance'?

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From paragraph 4

6 (a) How did the men show their anger?

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(b) 'When Pedro yelled at them, they hung their heads in shame.' Explain **in your own words** what is happening here.

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(c) The writer 'was puzzled as to what was going on'. Give **one** other word used in the paragraph which conveys the same idea as 'puzzled'.

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From paragraph 5

7 (a) The writer was surprised at 'the silence from outside'. What had she been expecting to hear?

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(b) "'Is everything all right?' I asked needlessly.' Why was the writer's question needless?

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..... [1]

From paragraph 6

8 The men were arguing because 'they were being paid a pittance for doing such hazardous work'. Explain **in your own words** the reason for the argument.

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9 From paragraphs 1–7

For each of the words below, circle the letter (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) which has the same meaning that the word has in the passage.

(a) **accomplishments** (line 4)

A achievements **B** jobs **C** adventures **D** skills [1]

(b) **gaunt** (line 14)

A thin **B** old **C** tall **D** tired [1]

(c) **pretext** (line 29)

A thought **B** excuse **C** trick **D** story [1]

(d) **gist** (line 36)

A meaning **B** result **C** subject **D** amount [1]

(e) **plummeted** (line 44)

A fallen **B** broken **C** reached **D** slipped [1]

10 Re-read paragraphs 2 and 7, which contain expressions about the trees in the garden.

Give:

- the **meaning** of each expression as it is used in the passage
- the **effect** of each expression as it is used in the passage.

(a) 'stealing sunlight' (line 12)

Meaning:

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Effect:

..... [2]

(b) 'Ripped from the main trunk' (line 45)

Meaning:

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Effect:

..... [2]

[Total: 25]

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