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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/13**

Paper 1 Reading Passage (Core)

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**1 hour 45 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Reading Booklet Insert

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

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.  
DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions.  
Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

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

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**Question 1**

**Read carefully the passage *A Lesser-Known Part of India* in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer all the questions.**

(a) From paragraphs one and two:

(i) give **two** facts about the appearance of the Bastar Hills Myna birds;

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(ii) give **one** fact about their behaviour.

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(b) Explain, **using your own words**, why the eastern half of the Kanger Valley National Park is the best place to spot wildlife (paragraph four).

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(c) What advice does the writer give about visiting the Kanger Valley National Park (lines 19–25)?

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(d) From paragraph seven, explain, **using your own words**, what makes Chitrakot Falls:

(i) similar to Niagara;

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(ii) different from Niagara.

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(e) Why do you think the writer describes a visit to Tiratgarh Waterfall as a 'relaxing experience' (paragraph eight)?

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(f) Explain, **using your own words**, what the writer means by:

(i) 'ideal habitat' (line 12);

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(ii) 'pock-marked with hundreds of caves' (line 21);

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(iii) 'bizarre formations' (line 22).

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**[Turn over for Question 1(g)]**

- (g) Re-read paragraphs four to seven. Choose **three** short phrases which the writer uses to suggest her excitement at what she saw in Chhattisgarh.

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Explain how each of these phrases helps to convey her sense of excitement at what she saw.

Phrase: .....

Explanation: .....

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(h) Re-read paragraphs nine to eleven. Write a summary of what the writer tells you about the ancient cities near Raipur.

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Write a paragraph of about 50 to 70 words.

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**Question 2**

Imagine you live in the Chhattisgarh area of India. Your cousin, who lives in Europe, is considering visiting Chhattisgarh before starting university.

**Write a letter explaining what your cousin would enjoy and not enjoy about this trip.**

In your letter you should:

- describe some of the natural features that are worth visiting
- describe some of the attractions of the local historical features
- explain why some things may not appeal to your cousin.

Begin your letter:

'Dear cousin

I am sure you will enjoy ...'

You should base your ideas on what you have read in the passage, but do not copy from it.

You should write between 1 and 1½ sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting.

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

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