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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/12

Paper 1 Reading Passage (Core)

October/November 2012

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 Walking Holiday in Costa Rica* in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer all the questions.

(a) Why were the writer and her companions visiting Costa Rica?

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(b) What **two** reasons does the writer give for the sense of panic she refers to in paragraph one?

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(c) What do we learn about the writer's feelings towards the spider from the phrase 'deliciously creepy' (line 23)?

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(d) Which word in paragraph six tells you that the roads in Costa Rica were not in good condition?

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(e) Give **three** things from paragraph eight which the writer enjoyed about the Eco Termales Hot Springs resort.

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(f) Explain, **using your own words**, how the scenery changed as they approached Nicaragua.

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

(i) 'my limited vocabulary' (line 10);

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(ii) 'our heads literally in the clouds' (line 40);

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(iii) 'determined to stay hidden' (line 50).

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[Turn over for Question 1(h)]

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

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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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Phrase:

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Phrase:

Explanation:

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- (i) Re-read paragraph four to the end of the passage. Write a summary of what you learn about volcanoes in Costa Rica.

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Write a paragraph of about 50 to 70 words.

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[Turn over for Question 2]

Question 2

Imagine you have just returned from your trip to Costa Rica.

Write an article about your visit for a newspaper.

In your article you should include:

- the interesting variety of the scenery and the wildlife
- the challenges and rewards for visitors
- reasons why people would enjoy visiting Costa Rica.

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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