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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/12

Paper 1 Reading Passages (Core)

May/June 2018

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 in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passages for use with **all** questions on the Question Paper. This Reading Booklet Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

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

This document consists of **10** printed pages and **2** blank pages.



Read carefully **Passage A, *The Telegram***, 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) Using your own words, explain the effects of the snow on the man on the pathway (paragraph 2, 'It was in ...').

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(b) What caused the man to notice the narrator (paragraph 3, 'I laughed some ...')?

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(c) Using your own words, explain the contrast the narrator describes in the final sentence of paragraph 3 (lines 12–13).

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(d) What caused the narrator to think that everything around him had disappeared (lines 17–18)?

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(e) Using your own words, explain why the narrator was relieved that the man had disappeared (lines 17–20).

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(f) In line 23 the man has difficulty with the father’s name. **Using your own words**, explain as fully as you can:

(i) how the mother responds to this

(ii) what this suggests about the mother’s state of mind.

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

(i) Re-read paragraphs 4 (‘The street was ...’) and 9 (‘“Sorry”, she said ...’). **Using your own words**, explain what the writer means by the words **underlined** in each of the following phrases:

- ‘The hill was white all the way to where it disappeared. Black sticks stuck out, here and there: trees; a skeletal fence; telephone poles.’ (lines 14–15)
- ‘The tram tracks were black lines along the way, then they glazed over white, then vanished.’ (lines 15–16)
- ‘The bell clanged, sounding very close in the woolly snow and the silence. The tram disappeared towards town, its wheels growling against the tracks.’ (lines 34–36)

Word underlined:

Meaning of the word underlined:

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- (ii) Explain **how** the language in **each of the three underlined words** in Question 1(g)(i) helps to convey the effects of the snow on the surroundings.

You should refer to the whole phrase in your answer and not just the words underlined.

Explanation:

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[Total: 20]

Question 2

Imagine that you are the narrator’s mother in Passage A. It is the day after the events described in the passage. **Write an entry for your journal** in which you describe what happened the day before.

In your journal entry you should cover the following points:

- the weather conditions and how they affected the surrounding environment
- the visit of the man, and the telegram
- your thoughts and feelings about the content of the telegram.

Base your journal entry on what you have read in Passage A, but do not copy from it. Be careful to use your own words. Address each of the three bullet points.

Begin your journal entry: ‘I can remember so clearly ... ’

Write about 200 to 300 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 5 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Read carefully **Passage B, *Franklin and the North-West Passage***, 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 do you learn from **Passage B** about Franklin’s attempt to find the North-West Passage **and** what may have happened to him and his crew?

Write your answers using short **notes**.

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

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

Information about Franklin's attempt to find the North-West Passage and what may have happened to him and his crew:

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(b) Summary

Now use your notes to write a summary of what **Passage B** tells you about Franklin’s attempt to find the North-West Passage **and** what may have happened to him and his crew.

You must use **continuous writing** (not note form) and **use your own words** as far as possible.

Your summary should include all 10 of your points in **Question 3(a)** and must be 100 to 150 words.

Up to 5 marks are available for the quality of your writing.

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