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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/12

Paper 1 Reading

February/March 2021

2 hours

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.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



Read **Text A, *Top tips for travel writing***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)–1(e)** on this question paper.

Question 1

- (a) Give the example used by the instructor to teach the value of a good opening to an article, according to the text.

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..... [1]

- (b) **Using your own words**, explain what the text means by:

- (i) 'immense value' (line 3):

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- (ii) 'diverse destinations' (line 5):

..... [2]

- (c) Re-read paragraph 3 ('Having quit ... that conference.').

Give **two** ways in which attending the conference changed the writer.

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..... [2]

- (d) Re-read paragraphs 4 and 5 ('Writers of ... never visit.').

- (i) Identify **two** mistakes made by writers of unsuccessful articles.

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- (ii) Explain why people like to read good travel writing, according to the text.

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(e) Re-read paragraphs 6 and 7 ('I should point out ... every August.').

Using your own words, explain why people might not accept the writer's advice about being a travel writer.

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Read **Text C, *How I became a travel writer***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 2(a)–2(d)** on this question paper.

Question 2

(a) Identify a word or phrase from the text which suggests the same idea as the words underlined:

(i) Charlie and the others in his group would be completing a walk at a great height.

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(ii) Walkers had to collect a specific amount of funding for their trip before they could be allowed to take part.

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(iii) Charlie also asked people he did not know well to sponsor him.

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(iv) The organisers told trekkers that they needed to be very fit.

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(b) Using your own words, explain what the writer means by each of the words underlined:

Trek-training began in earnest. My carefully planned route passed fortuitously close to a favourite café in case of emergency. I'd anticipated I'd need a few jabs for Peru, but the cheery list of disorders I needed vaccinating against was reeled off by my doctor with more than a little glee.

(i) in earnest [1]

(ii) fortuitously [1]

(iii) anticipated [1]

- (c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests his attitude to preparing for the trip.

Use your own words in your explanation.

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