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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Reading

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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.

- 2 Re-read paragraphs 4 and 5, and write down **one** piece of advice given by the writer in paragraph 4, and **two** pieces of advice given by the writer in paragraph 5.

Paragraph 4

..... [1]

Paragraph 5

..... [1]

Paragraph 5

..... [1]

[Total: 25]

Section 2: Reading for Meaning

Read **Passage 2**, *A Summer Job*, in the insert and answer **all** the questions below.

From paragraph 1

3 (a) Why was it natural for the writer to go to the doctor's wife to ask for a summer job?

.....
..... [1]

(b) Give **two** reasons why the writer describes her summer job as 'good news'.

(i)

(ii)

[2]

(c) The writer's 'mood didn't change' when she spoke to her mother. Why might her mood have changed?

.....
..... [1]

From paragraph 2

4 (a) Why do you think that the writer says she had a 'thousand things' in the canvas bag?

.....
..... [1]

(b) Give **two** reasons why the writer 'went home exhausted every evening'.

(i)

(ii)

[2]

From paragraph 3

5 ‘...uneasily, she ventured’ to say a few words to the girls. Explain **in your own words** how Marisa is behaving here.

.....
.....
..... [2]

From paragraph 4

6 (a) ‘...unwillingly,’ Marisa led Linda away. Which **one** word used later in the paragraph repeats this idea of ‘unwillingly’?

..... [1]

(b) ‘Marisa was holding Linda who was crying.’ What caused Linda to cry?

.....
..... [1]

(c) Why were Linda’s sisters ‘looking elsewhere’?

.....
..... [1]

From paragraph 5

7 (a) What had happened to Linda was in ‘no way worthy of the commotion’ she was making. Describe **in your own words** Linda’s reaction.

.....
.....
..... [2]

(b) Which **one** word used in the paragraph tells us it wasn’t easy to calm Linda down?

..... [1]

From paragraph 6

8 Why do you think the doctor’s wife decided that ‘there was no need’ for the writer anymore?

.....
..... [1]

9 From the whole passage

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) **satisfy** (line 1)
A comfort B please C distract D help [1]
- (b) **embraced** (line 6)
A approached B surrounded C pushed D hugged [1]
- (c) **scorching** (line 10)
A tropical B rising C flaming D brilliant [1]
- (d) **simply** (line 37)
A plainly B cheerfully C confidently D instantly [1]
- (e) **customary** (line 40)
A ordinary B traditional C familiar D usual [1]

10 Re-read paragraphs 2 and 5, which contain phrases about (a) the beach and (b) the writer's reaction to what happens to Linda.

Give:

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

(a) 'the lazy sea shimmered' (line 10)

Meaning:

.....

Effect:

.....

[2]

(b) 'I tore the child from Marisa's arms' (line 32)

Meaning:

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Effect:

.....

[2]

[Total: 25]

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