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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 1 and 4 and give **one** opinion from paragraph 1 and **two** opinions from paragraph 4.

Paragraph 1

..... [1]

Paragraph 4

..... [1]

Paragraph 4

..... [1]

[Total: 25]

Section 2: Reading for Meaning

Read **Passage 2**, *Pedro*, in the insert and answer **all** the questions below.

From paragraph 1

3 (a) Pedro's note said: 'all jobs done'. How does Pedro emphasise this in his note?

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..... [1]

(b) Why is the writer's husband 'impressed' by Pedro's note?

..... [1]

From paragraph 2

4 (a) Give the **two** reasons why the writer did not want to employ Pedro.

(i)
.....

(ii)
..... [2]

(b) What did the writer's husband want Pedro to do in the garden?

..... [1]

From paragraph 3

5 (a) The four men arrived with 'chainsaws and an arsenal of useless, ageing gardening tools, plus a stack of ominously heavy lunchboxes'. Give **two** reasons why the writer thought the men would not do the job efficiently.

(i)
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(ii)
..... [2]

(b) Why do you think the writer was thankful they 'hadn't asked Pedro to do car maintenance'?

..... [1]

From paragraph 4

6 (a) How did the men show their anger?

..... [1]

(b) 'When Pedro yelled at them, they hung their heads in shame.' Explain **in your own words** what is happening here.

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

(c) The writer 'was puzzled as to what was going on'. Give **one** other word used in the paragraph which conveys the same idea as 'puzzled'.

..... [1]

From paragraph 5

7 (a) The writer was surprised at 'the silence from outside'. What had she been expecting to hear?

..... [1]

(b) "'Is everything all right?' I asked needlessly.' Why was the writer's question needless?

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..... [1]

From paragraph 6

8 The men were arguing because 'they were being paid a pittance for doing such hazardous work'. Explain **in your own words** the reason for the argument.

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

9 From paragraphs 1–7

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) **accomplishments** (line 4)

A achievements **B** jobs **C** adventures **D** skills [1]

(b) **gaunt** (line 14)

A thin **B** old **C** tall **D** tired [1]

(c) **pretext** (line 29)

A thought **B** excuse **C** trick **D** story [1]

(d) **gist** (line 36)

A meaning **B** result **C** subject **D** amount [1]

(e) **plummeted** (line 44)

A fallen **B** broken **C** reached **D** slipped [1]

10 Re-read paragraphs 2 and 7, which contain expressions about the trees in the garden.

Give:

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

(a) 'stealing sunlight' (line 12)

Meaning:

.....

Effect:

..... [2]

(b) 'Ripped from the main trunk' (line 45)

Meaning:

.....

Effect:

..... [2]

[Total: 25]

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