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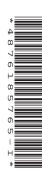
Paper 2 Diret ed Writing and Compos tion

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INFORMATION

- This ine rt o ntains the reading text s
- You may annotate this ine rt and us the blank p as s for planning. Do not write your answers on the ine rt.



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Read both telts, and then answer Question 1 on the question paper.

Text A: The benefits of listening to podcasts

The writer of this blog entry works as a sales representative for a clothing company.

Poda to share been around for pears but I have only ree ntly discovered what a great use of time they are. Most of my work or lleagues always so emed to have their earphones in, but what were they lits ening to? I had heard of poda to so I know they were a kind of audio programme by u or uld so be ibe to and lits en to, for example on by uren artphone, whenever by u like. I had not realise d how mub. I would enjoy them, expecially when face d with administ rative take in the office. I whize through those boring take now.

Poda to so me in a tar riety of lengths of it's easy to lite en to an episo de even if I only have half an hour between meetings or iv deo alls with bients. If you don't finite lite ening in one is tting, they re always at your dipoation your phone, of mputer, or tablet to pike bake uplater. The bespoda to so und like you are lite ening to a real of near a tion. They are really help to relieve to respond to the poda to so meeting interesting to talk about at break

Outs de of work I us poda s s to help me fou s while running, o ok ng, and ex n beaning (I get more done that way). Friends jok that I am in my 'own little poda s world' mos of the time. Topis that I enjoy mos inbude health, fals ion and ex rice — I find them incedibly motivational. Is be ibe to about 150 poda s and to fit them all in have s arted to 'podfas' (lisening to poda s on double, or metimes triple seed, while I'm noticing boos s my energy levels.

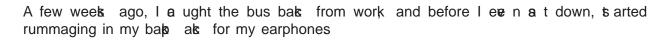
Many sudies on the benefits of poda ss so ow that they help us to be ome better list eners and have a greater appreciation for smply list ening. Poda ss stimulate mental imagery more intens ly than any hing we wath or read.

There is nothing to lose by making pode is a part of your regular lifesty. Whether you want to learn a new is II for work is epup with the news or need to be in poired, there is a pode at for you! I don't list en to music as mub any more as there's your mub out there to learn about. Pode is soffer a you is range of topis and for the most part they refree.

There truly is o mething for ever rowne.

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