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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/12

Paper 1 Reading Passages (Core)

October/November 2016

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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 this Question Paper. The 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 **9** printed pages, **3** blank pages and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

Read carefully **Passage A, A Disturbed Night**, 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) Give **two** reasons why Isaac needs to find somewhere to stay for the night (lines 1 to 3).

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(b) Give **two** reasons why Isaac thinks the hotel is a suitable place to stay (paragraph one, 'Just as it was...').

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(c) Re-read paragraphs three and four ('When the hotel...Goodnight').

(i) **Using your own words**, explain what Isaac thinks is unusual about the landlord's behaviour.

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 [1]

(ii) What reasons does the landlord give for his actions?

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(d) What does the phrase 'solemn surging moan' suggest about the wind (line 22)?

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(e) Why does Isaac keep the candle lit when he goes to bed (paragraph five, 'Isaac locked...')?

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 [2]

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

(i) Re-read paragraphs five and six ('Isaac locked...clear and alert'). Explain **using your own words**, what the writer means by the word underlined in **three** of the following phrases:

- (a) 'Exhaustion overcame him' (line 26)
- (b) 'dreadful sinking pain' (line 29)
- (c) 'shivering only disturbed his sleep' (line 30)
- (d) 'his mind was suddenly clear and alert.' (line 32)

Phrase selected: **(a), (b), (c)** or **(d)**

Meaning of the word underlined:

Phrase selected: **(a), (b), (c)** or **(d)**

Meaning of the word underlined:

Phrase selected: **(a), (b), (c)** or **(d)**

Meaning of the word underlined: [3]

(ii) Explain how the writer conveys Isaac's feelings during the night through the use of language in **each of the phrases you have chosen in Question (f)(i)**.

You should refer to the **whole phrase** in your answer.

Phrase selected: **(a), (b), (c)** or **(d)**

Explanation:

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Phrase selected: **(a), (b), (c)** or **(d)**

Explanation:

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Phrase selected: **(a), (b), (c)** or **(d)**

Explanation:

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[Total: 20]

Question 2

Imagine that you are Isaac in **Passage A**. The day after these events you write a letter to a friend in which you explain what happened on that night.

Write your letter.

In your letter you should comment on:

- your feelings about the hotel
- your difficulty in getting to sleep
- the landlord’s explanation of who the woman is.

Base your ideas 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 letter: ‘Dear...’

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, *Surviving Bitter Winter Weather***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and answer **Question 3(a)** and **(b)** on this Question Paper.

Question 3

(a) Notes

What are the effects of cold weather on the human body **and** how should you protect yourself, according to **Passage B**?

Write your answers using short notes. **Write one point per line.**

You do not need to use your own words.

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

The effects of cold weather on the human body and how you should protect yourself:

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