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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Reading

May/June 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, Bicycle touring**, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)–1(e)** on this question paper.

Question 1

(a) Give the **three** reasons people go bicycle touring, according to paragraph 2.

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- [1]

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

(i) 'fund-raising venture' (line 5):

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 [2]

(ii) 'broad spectrum' (line 7):

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 [2]

(c) Re-read paragraph 3 ('People of all ages air.').

Give **two** reasons why bicycle touring might particularly appeal to people who want to improve their physical health.

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- [2]

(d) Re-read paragraphs 4 and 5 ('The good news before dark.').

(i) Identify **two** things you should do when training for your bicycle tour.

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- [2]

(ii) Explain why camping rather than staying in hotels during your tour can slow down your progress.

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(e) Re-read paragraph 6 ('Bicycle riders home.').

Using your own words, explain why some people might not want to go on a bicycle tour.

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Read **Text C, Into the sunrise: cycling the world, part 2**, in the insert and then answer **Questions 2(a)–2(d)** on this question paper.

Question 2

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

(i) Chris mended the broken bicycle.

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(ii) Vivian only stopped briefly when she talked.

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(iii) Vivian had adopted the solution of pushing her bicycle along.

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(iv) Vivian and Chris met up with their hosts for the evening.

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

After more walking / cycling we closed the day making camp by Lake O'Hara. I'd found a great spot with inspirational views of snowy peaks. Vivian seemed concerned about wildlife, particularly bears: 'I've been camping on petrol station forecourts.'

'Are you serious?'

'Yes. I decided it was safer.'

Vivian wasn't exactly happy but began to erect her tent and unpack. I did the same, somewhat faster, then cooked us dinner on my trusty stove. Vivian's stove was one of the many things she'd thrown away.

(i) closed [1]

(ii) wildlife [1]

(iii) erect [1]

- (c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests his thoughts and feelings that evening.

Use your own words in your explanation.

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