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Paper 1 Reading Passages (Core) **February/March 2016**

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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 **11** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

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Read carefully **Passage A**, ***Ladakh*** 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** details that the writer mentions about the style of building in Ladakh (paragraph one, 'Ladakh, meaning 'many passes'…').

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(b) The writer suggests two possible uses for the 'hair pieces' (line 5) on the rooftops.
Using your own words, state **one** of these possible uses.

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(c) **Using your own words**, explain, as fully as you can, the meaning of **one** of the warnings mentioned on lines 14–15 'Peep Peep…the Late Mr'.

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(d) In paragraph three, the writer describes the good condition of the road ('As we drive…').

Using your own words, explain:

(i) why the writer is surprised by this (lines 15–16).

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(ii) the reason why the road is so well-maintained (lines 16–18).

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(e) Re-read paragraphs four and five ('The scenery…after them').

Using your own words, explain:

(i) what the stupas are used for (lines 25–27).

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(ii) the writer's thoughts and feelings as he wanders amongst them (lines 28–32).

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(f) What detail of the location of Ladakh does the writer refer to in both the first **and** last paragraphs ('Ladakh, meaning 'many passes'… and 'I have the feeling…')?

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

(i) Re-read paragraphs two, three and four ('The run-down…their possessions.')
Explain using your own words, what the writer means by the words underlined in **three** of the following phrases:

1. 'The run-down palace that dominates the centre' (line 7)
2. 'The streets of Leh are busy, in a low-tech way' (lines 8–9)
3. 'the slim green band of cultivation' (line 13)
4. 'The scenery has a gaunt and minimal beauty' (line 19)

Phrase selected: 1, 2, 3 or 4: …

Meaning of the word underlined: .....[1]

Phrase selected: 1, 2, 3 or 4: …

Meaning of the word underlined: .....[1]

Phrase selected: 1, 2, 3 or 4: …

Meaning of the word underlined: .....[1]

(ii) Explain how the writer conveys the landscape of Ladakh through the use of language **in each phrase** you have chosen in **1(g)(i)**.

You should refer to the **whole phrase** in your answer and not just the words underlined.

Phrase selected: 1, 2, 3 or 4: …

Explanation .....

.....[2]

Phrase selected: 1, 2, 3 or 4: …

Explanation .....

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Phrase selected: 1, 2, 3 or 4: …

Explanation .....

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Question 2

Imagine that you are the writer of the article. Before you leave the Ladakh area, you are interviewed on the radio about your recent travels.

Write the words of the interview.

In your interview you are asked the following three questions only:

- Could you tell us about your journey so far?
- What was most memorable about your visit to Ladakh?
- Who might enjoy going to Ladakh **and** why should they visit?

Base your interview responses 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.

You should begin your interview with the first question: 'Could you tell us about…?'

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**, ***How to trek to Everest Base Camp***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Question 3(a)** and **(b)** on this Question Paper.

Question 3

Answer the questions in the order set.

(a) Notes

What advice does **Passage B** give to people planning to trek to Everest Base Camp?

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.

Advice given to people planning to trek to Everest Base Camp:

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(b) Summary

Now use your notes from **Question 3(a)** to write a summary of what advice **Passage B** gives to people planning to trek to Everest Base Camp.

You must use **continuous writing** (not note form) and **use your own words** as far as possible.

Your summary should include all 10 of your points in **Question 3(a)** and must be 100 to 150 words.

Up to 5 marks are available for the quality of your writing.

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