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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/13**

Paper 1 Reading Passage (Core) **May/June 2013**

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 passage for use with **all** questions on this Question Paper. The 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.

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Read carefully the passage *Mountain Madness* in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer all the questions on this Question Paper.

For Examiner's Use

Question 1

(a) How do wealthy guests arrive at the hotel Everest View?

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(b) **Using your own words**, give **two** reasons why the writer thinks that the hotel's lack of piped water is a serious drawback.

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(c) Explain, **using your own words**, why professional climbers prefer not to fly direct to a height of 4,000 metres up Everest (lines 14–16).

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(d) From paragraph three (The risk of altitude…) explain:

(i) how the hotel tries to deal with the guests' altitude sickness.

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(ii) what is unique about what the hotel does.

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(e) Explain why the writer says that climbers 'seem to leave their common sense in the same rucksack' (line 23).

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(f) What would be the effect on visitors if the hotel installed airtight doors (paragraph six, 'On the same…')?

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(g) Explain, **using your own words**, what the writer means by the words in italics in the following phrases:

(i) '*progress* with frightening *rapidity*' (line 13)

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(ii) 'is probably a *conservative estimate*' (line 17)

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(iii) 'the *confusion* and *disorientation*' (line 25)

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(h) Re-read the last two paragraphs.

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The writer uses the following phrases to suggest that he dislikes the attitudes and behaviour of the wealthy tourists who stay at the hotel Everest View.

Choose **three** of the following phrases and then explain how each of them helps you to understand the writer's dislike:

- *'if you simply hop on a private plane'* (lines 43–44)
- *'a pretty superficial appreciation'* (line 44)
- *'flying half-way up Mount Everest for a day to look at cloud formations through a Perspex oxygen mask'* (lines 47–48)
- *'a form of sickness which affects fast-lane tourism everywhere'* (lines 48–49)

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Explanation: .....

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(i) Re-read paragraphs two to six (A major problem…already expects.).

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Write a summary of what you learn about the causes and effects of altitude sickness **and** how it can be treated.

Write a paragraph of about 50–70 words.

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Question 2

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Imagine that you are a professional Everest climber who has stayed at the hotel Everest View.

Write your journal entry for your stay there in which you give your impressions of:

- the hotel and its services
- the surrounding scenery
- the other guests.

You should base your ideas on what you have read in the passage, but do not copy from it. Address each of the three bullet points.

Write between 1 and 1½ sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 10 marks for the quality of your writing.

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