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Paper 1 Reading Passages (Core) **May/June 2015**

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Part 1

Read **Passage A** carefully, and then answer **Questions 1** and **2** on the Question Paper.

Passage A: *Meeting a Black Rhino in Africa*

I love animals and the opportunity to go on game drives in Africa was a once in a lifetime experience I'll never forget.

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That means that they're behaving naturally and hopefully it is those natural instincts which will help them survive well into the future.

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Part 2

Read **Passage B** carefully, and then answer **Question 3** on the Question Paper.

Passage B: *Flying high for the rhinos*

With 333 rhinos killed in Southern Africa in 2010 (compared with only 13 in 2007), one of the most important strongholds for both black and white rhinos, Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park (HiP), has recently taken a hard look at how to step up its rhino security. The poaching gangs have become highly organised using helicopters and sophisticated equipment. The Park has, therefore, had to upgrade its security systems.

Both Black and White Rhino species are abundant in HiP and the Park is committed to rhino conservation. Unfortunately, despite the incredible dedication of all those involved in the protection of the Park's rhinos, this area of Southern Africa has lost more than 33 rhinos since the current poaching crisis started in January 2008, many of which have been from HiP.

The large Wilderness Area which covers a significant proportion of the area of the Park is very inaccessible, making it hard to patrol by vehicle. As a result illegal operations taking place in the Reserve have been unchecked, because of the restrictions imposed by the terrain and the fact that vehicles cannot access the area. Although suspected poachers have been pursued hard and fast on foot, a shortage of observation posts and park rangers has led to most of these pursuits being unsuccessful.

Today's poachers use sophisticated communication equipment, wear Park uniforms to prevent identification, and often receive warnings of patrols in the area from people living near the Park boundaries. In addition, poachers in other areas in Southern Africa have started to use helicopters from which they can fire tranquillising darts. There is a very real threat that these methods will start to be used within HiP. The Park therefore needs to prepare itself for such methods. It plans to install more sophisticated technology, and to improve the expertise, morale and discipline of its staff. The rangers also need to gain the upper hand over illegal operators by concentrating on pro-active operations and quick, effective responses to emergency situations. It is crucial to gather detailed intelligence and increase the number of patrols, in order to stay ahead of the poachers.

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