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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/23**

Paper 2 Reading Passages (Extended) **May/June 2017**

2 hours

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 the 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.

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Read carefully **Passage A**, ***Out-of-hours vet***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Questions 1** and **2** on this Question Paper.

Question 1

At the end of his first month at the new surgery, Marc decides to write a letter to his parents explaining his career move and persuading them it was a good idea.

Write Marc's letter to his parents.

In your letter you should:

- explain what it was like working at your previous job **and** why you felt you needed to leave
- answer the concerns you know your parents will have about you, your decision **and** your ability to run your own business
- outline how things have been going so far **and** your plans for the new surgery in the future.

Base your letter on what you have read in Passage A, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the three bullet points.

Begin your letter, 'Dear Mum and Dad,
I know you are not going to like this…'.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 5 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Question 2

Re-read the descriptions of:

(a) waking up on the morning of the resignation in paragraph 1, beginning 'Unusually, the day I resigned…'

(b) the partners and their reactions to Marc in paragraph 6, beginning 'The partners were sitting…'.

Select **four** powerful words or phrases from **each** paragraph. Your choices should include imagery. Explain how each word or phrase is used effectively in the context.

Write about 200 to 300 words.

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

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Read carefully **Passage B**, ***Young Vets***, 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

According to **Passage B**, what challenges and difficulties might a young person wanting to qualify as a vet face, both in terms of training **and** the job itself?

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

You do not need to use your own words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer.

The challenges and difficulties that a young person wanting to qualify as a vet might face, both in terms of training **and** the job itself:

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(b) Summary

Now use your notes to write a summary of the challenges and difficulties a young person wanting to qualify as a vet might face, both in terms of training **and** the job itself, according to **Passage B**.

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

Your summary should include all 15 of your points in **Question 3(a)** and must be 200 to 250 words.

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

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