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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/23**

Paper 2 Reading Passages (Extended) **May/June 2019**

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Reading Booklet Insert

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 the 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.

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Read carefully **Passage A**, ***Thirst***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Questions 1** and **2** on this Question Paper.

Question 1

You are a journalist writing for the local weekly newspaper reporting on recent events and reactions to them. Two days after the incident at Aljafar's property, it is announced that the blockade has been lifted and water rationing is no longer required. Meanwhile, Aljafar and his wife have complained to the authorities.

Write the newspaper report.

In your newspaper report, you should:
- describe conditions during the blockade and the effect on the population of the island and its economy
- outline how the incident at the Aljafars' came about – what happened and why
- explain the nature of the Aljafars' complaints and how far they are justified.

Base your newspaper report 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 newspaper report, 'Recent events …'

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) the city and people in paragraph 12, beginning 'Days later, …'

(b) Aljafar, the cellar and its contents in paragraph 30, beginning 'We heard him …'

Select **four** powerful words or phrases from each paragraph. Your choices should include imagery. Explain how each word or phrase selected 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**, ***Bottled water***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Question 3** on this Question Paper.

Question 3

Why has drinking bottled water become so popular **and** what problems does the consumption of bottled water cause, according to **Passage B**?

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

Your summary should **not** be more than 250 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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