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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/13**

Paper 1 Reading **May/June 2025**

2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Read **Text A**, ***Technology in the job application process***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)–(e)** on this question paper.

Question 1

(a) Give **two** different types of technology being used by companies to help them to manage applications, according to the text.

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(b) **Using your own words**, explain what the text means by:

(i) 'schedule interviews' (line 3) .....

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(ii) 'early stages' (line 4). .....

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(c) Reread paragraph 2 ('Though … expressions.').

Give **two** mistakes that should be avoided by an applicant during an automated interview.

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(d) Reread paragraphs 3 and 4 ('In pre-recorded … right person.').

(i) Identify **two** advantages for the applicant of the use of technology in the job application process.

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(ii) Explain the challenges the internet has created for companies looking to hire people for jobs.

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(e) Reread paragraph 5 ('Perhaps … application.').

Using your own words, explain the qualities that applicants need to demonstrate to be successful when applying in a competitive job market.

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Read **Text B**, ***Signs it's time to make a bold career change!***, in the insert and then answer **Question 1(f)** on this question paper.

(f) According to Text B, what are the signs that you may need to find a new job?

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

Your summary should not be more than 120 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 **Text C**, ***Jojo's interview***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 2(a)–(d)** on this question paper.

Question 2

(a) Identify a word or phrase from the text which suggests the same idea as the words underlined:

(i) Jojo nearly crashed into the lorry.

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(ii) Jojo hoped that when he visited The Peacock for his interview that day the people he might be working with if he got the job would like him.

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(iii) Jojo was slightly jealous of how well Ben got on with guests.

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(iv) The table covering Jojo provided for Ben and the guests to use at lunchtime was immaculately clean.

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(b) Using your own words, explain what the writer means by each of the words underlined:

I waited anxiously for it to finish its delivery of frozen foodstuffs. Being behind schedule today wasn't an option. Brown boxes destined for some awful fast-food restaurant were finally off-loaded and I resumed my commute.

(i) anxiously ..... [1]

(ii) schedule ..... [1]

(iii) resumed ..... [1]

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(c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests Jojo's feelings about conditions in his workplace.

Use your own words in your explanation.

By dawn, I'd arrived, parked against a disused outbuilding and begun the hazardous operation of re-starting the ancient, moody generator. Still coughing from the smoke, I entered the kitchen, loudly listing the merits of solar power and onsite staff accommodation, then turned my attention to the wooden worktable peppered with curling skins of yellowing paint, fallen from the ceiling.

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(d) Reread paragraphs 9 and 11.

- Paragraph 9 begins 'The ancestral font …' and is about The Peacock restaurant.
- Paragraph 11 begins 'Propelled …' and is about Party Planet.

Explain how the writer uses language to convey meaning and to create effect in these paragraphs. Choose **three** examples of words or phrases from each paragraph to support your answer. Your choices should include the use of imagery.

Write about 200 to 300 words.

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

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Reread **Text C**, ***Jojo's interview***, in the insert and then answer **Question 3** on this question paper.

Question 3

You are Ben. When Jojo returns that evening, you have an honest conversation about the events of the day and your plans for the business. You persuade Jojo to continue working with you as your new business partner.

In your journal entry you should:

- explain what Jojo felt about his interview experience that afternoon **and** why he did not accept the job
- explain the changes you will make to your own behaviour **and** to the buildings to improve Jojo's work life
- explain the plans you have to develop the business **and** the different qualities and skills you and Jojo have to make it a success.

Write your journal entry for the day.

Base your journal on what you have read in **Text C**, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the three bullets.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 10 marks for the quality of your writing.

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