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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/23**

Paper 2 Reading Passages (Extended) **October/November 2015**

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** the 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**, ***The District Officer***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Questions 1** and **2** on this Question Paper.

Question 1

A national radio programme interviews Argin about the project to build the new dam. The interviewer asks Argin the following three questions only:

- Can you explain for us the worries people have about the project?
- So what exactly does your job involve **and** how well do you think you have done it?
- How do you think life will be in the new settlement – are you planning to continue as District Officer once the dam is complete?

Write the words of the interview.

Base your interview 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 interview with the first question.

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 Governor in paragraph 2, beginning ‘A tricky job…’;

(b) the relics **and** their treatment in paragraph 8, beginning ‘Argin wondered if perhaps…’.

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**, ***What happened to the dinosaurs?*** in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Questions 3(a)** and **(b)** on this Question Paper.

Question 3

Answer the questions in the order set.

(a) Notes

What may have led to the extinction of the dinosaurs, according to **Passage B**?

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.

What may have led to the extinction of the dinosaurs:

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(b) Summary

Now use your notes from **Question 3(a)** to write a **summary** of what may have led to the extinction of the dinosaurs, 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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