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Paper 2 Reading Passages (Extended) **October/November 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** the 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 Spacesuit***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Questions 1** and **2** on this Question Paper.

Question 1

Imagine you are the Commander of Satellite Control. After this incident, you decide to write a letter to all satellite stations about safety issues for astronauts who go on missions.

Write the letter from the Commander of Satellite Control to all satellite stations.

In your letter you should:

- briefly describe what happened to Astronaut A while out on the mission **and** why it is a matter of concern
- explain the existing safety features of the spacesuits **and** how they are adapted to perform missions
- provide advice on additional measures that need to be taken to ensure astronauts' safety.

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 Colleagues,

Last week we had a serious incident involving Astronaut A who had been sent out on an important mission…'.

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 space station **and** what Astronaut A saw in paragraph 1, beginning 'When Satellite Control called me…'

(b) the spacesuit in paragraph 4, beginning 'Hastily, I clambered into my spacesuit…'.

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**, ***Emigration to Mars***, 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

What challenges would a person face if they became a Mars One astronaut, 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.

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(b) Summary

Now use your notes to write a summary of the challenges that a person would face if they became a Mars One astronaut, 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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