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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH **0500/11**

Paper 1 Reading **October/November 2021**

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.

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Read **Text A**, ***Two lives***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)–1(e)** on this question paper.

Question 1

(a) Give **two** things that the writer is doing before the rain begins, according to the text.

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- ..... [1]

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

(i) 'signals the arrival' (line 3):

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(ii) 'flees in panic' (lines 4 and 5):

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(c) Re-read paragraph 2 ('As the rain … begin again.').

Give **two** reasons why conversation might be 'limited if not impossible'.

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(d) Re-read paragraph 3 ('The region … the country.').

(i) Identify **two** problems with the road during the rainy season.

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(ii) Explain why life is difficult for the people of the region during the rainy season.

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(e) Re-read paragraph 4 ('The country's second … released prisoners.').

Using your own words, explain why the hot period is a happier time for the people of the region.

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Read **Text B**, ***Changing seasons***, in the insert and answer **Question 1(f)** on this question paper.

(f) According to Text B, what did the residents of this community feel and do during the most recent severe winter?

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**, ***The long hot walk***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 2(a)–2(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) The farm workers were standing still and didn't speak.

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(ii) The farm workers watched the speaker closely.

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(iii) The speaker hoped that his movements were a method of creating a little breeze.

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(iv) Surrounding the speaker were huge unoccupied areas of land.

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

By mid-day, I was parched. Fantasies of water rose up and wrapped me in cool wet leaves or pressed the thought of cucumber peel across my stinging eyes and filled my mouth with dripping moss. I imagined drinking whole monsoons and winter mists and reclining on the sponge of a deep, cooling sea.

(i) parched ..... [1]

(ii) Fantasies ..... [1]

(iii) reclining ..... [1]

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(c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests the eating-place owner's feelings on hearing that the speaker wants a cold drink.

Use your own words in your explanation.

'No! You mustn't drink much. You may pass out.' The café owner threw up her hands at the sight of me, then turned, alarmed, to shout at a couple of well-dressed gentlemen eating at a table in the corner.

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(d) Re-read paragraphs 2 and 11.

- Paragraph 2 begins 'By mid-morning …' and is about the effect of the heat on the landscape and the speaker.
- Paragraph 11 begins 'The first mouthful …' and is about how the eating-place owner and her husband look after the speaker and drive him to the city.

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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Re-read **Text C**, ***The long hot walk***, in the insert and then answer **Question 3** on this question paper.

Question 3

You are the eating-place owner. You are interviewed for an article about tourist safety in the region. The interviewer asks you the following three questions only:

- What do tourists need to know about your region?
- What effects can extreme thirst have on people **and** how should this be managed?
- What could be done locally to make the region safer?

Write the words of the interview.

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

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 10 marks for the quality of your writing.

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