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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH
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Paper 2 Reading Passages (Extended)
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2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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 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.
Question 1

You are Maria from Passage A. The day after the rafting trip you write a letter to a friend back home.

Write the letter.

In your letter you should comment on:

- your impressions of the hotel and its staff
- your thoughts and feelings about your husband's attitude and behaviour on the holiday
- your plans for the remaining days of your holiday.

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 friend,
This place is everything I imagined…’

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.
Question 2

Re-read the descriptions of:

(a) the winning entry in paragraph 4, beginning ‘He agreed…’

(b) Al and Mr Head’s visits to the market in paragraph 6, beginning ‘On the second morning…’.

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.
Read carefully Passage B, *The Honeybee*, 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**

According to Passage B, what is the importance of honeybees to humans and what does the writer of the letter believe to be threatening bees’ well-being?

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 from Question 3(a) to write a summary of the importance of honeybees to humans and what is threatening bees' well-being, 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.