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Level 2

Component 2: Reading

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Text Booklet

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Information

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- This Text Booklet must be securely destroyed by the centre immediately after the exam has been completed.
- Learners must not therefore write any responses to questions in this Text Booklet.
- Only answers given in the answer paper booklet will be marked.

Advice

- Read all three texts before you attempt to answer the questions.

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Text A

The future's bright

Fast forward a few years and domestic life could look very different for us all. There are some very exciting developments ahead that could make household chores much easier. This is due to the development of smart household gadgets, which will be able to communicate with each other and carry out actions independently.

Your day might begin with a gentle nudge from your smart mattress. After you get up your bed will make itself, while a phone app beeps with advice on what to wear today.

As you enter the bathroom, your shower is already running at the perfect temperature, triggered by your phone. You step onto your computer scales and a full health report appears on your bathroom mirror, detailing your weight, body fat, heart rate and BMI.

In the kitchen your coffee machine has already made you a cappuccino, just the way you like it. This happened automatically thanks to another useful phone app. You had pizza last night, but there's no need to worry about cleaning the oven, as your self-cleaning oven will take care of any residue from the pizza.

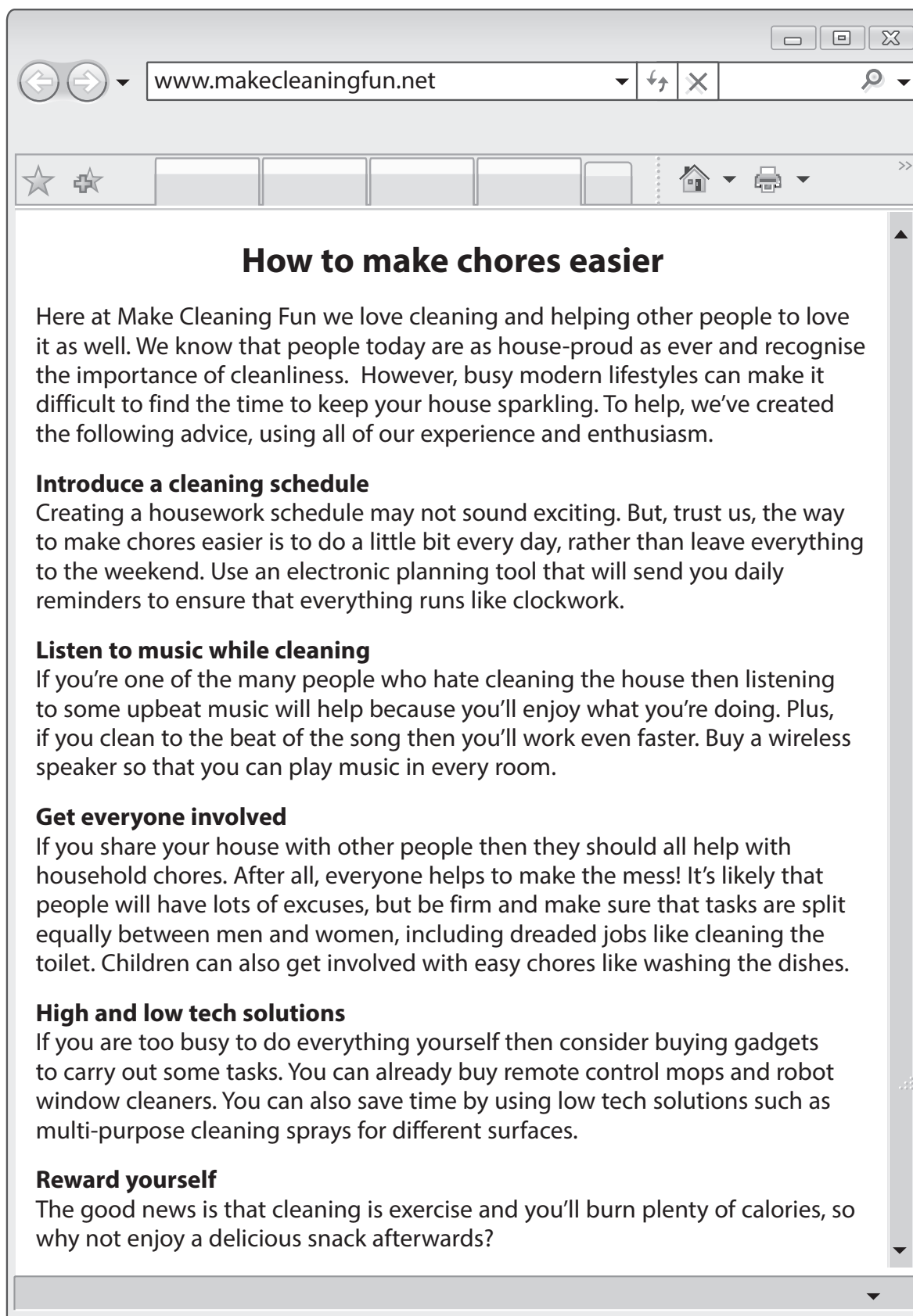
Entering the living room you see another marvel of modern science at work. Your robot vacuum cleaner has cleaned up as it is programmed to do and is now returning to its dock to recharge. The highly unpopular chore of cleaning the floor has been accomplished without you lifting a finger.

Sound like something from science fiction? Well, all this technology already exists, but at the moment it is too expensive for the ordinary consumer. However, purchase costs are likely to reduce in the next few years and then we could all be living the dream.

But there might be a problem. Our working hours are already going up and all these new inventions could just mean we work even longer days. Will all this convenience actually be helpful if it doesn't give us any more leisure time?



Text B



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing 'www.makecleaningfun.net'. The page content is as follows:

How to make chores easier

Here at Make Cleaning Fun we love cleaning and helping other people to love it as well. We know that people today are as house-proud as ever and recognise the importance of cleanliness. However, busy modern lifestyles can make it difficult to find the time to keep your house sparkling. To help, we've created the following advice, using all of our experience and enthusiasm.

Introduce a cleaning schedule
Creating a housework schedule may not sound exciting. But, trust us, the way to make chores easier is to do a little bit every day, rather than leave everything to the weekend. Use an electronic planning tool that will send you daily reminders to ensure that everything runs like clockwork.

Listen to music while cleaning
If you're one of the many people who hate cleaning the house then listening to some upbeat music will help because you'll enjoy what you're doing. Plus, if you clean to the beat of the song then you'll work even faster. Buy a wireless speaker so that you can play music in every room.

Get everyone involved
If you share your house with other people then they should all help with household chores. After all, everyone helps to make the mess! It's likely that people will have lots of excuses, but be firm and make sure that tasks are split equally between men and women, including dreaded jobs like cleaning the toilet. Children can also get involved with easy chores like washing the dishes.

High and low tech solutions
If you are too busy to do everything yourself then consider buying gadgets to carry out some tasks. You can already buy remote control mops and robot window cleaners. You can also save time by using low tech solutions such as multi-purpose cleaning sprays for different surfaces.

Reward yourself
The good news is that cleaning is exercise and you'll burn plenty of calories, so why not enjoy a delicious snack afterwards?



Text C

How we clean today

According to a recent survey, families are trying to turn the task of cleaning the house into a sprint rather than a marathon. As a result, the average time spent cleaning has fallen by 32 minutes a week or 28 hours a year compared to 2014.

The casual approach to keeping the dirt, grime and dust at bay suggests the nation is a little less house-proud than in the past. It reflects the fact that the nation's culture of working long hours means that people do not have the time to do a weekly deep clean. It also suggests that many people find cleaning boring and try to avoid it.

Despite the claims of men to be taking on a greater share of household chores, women are still doing the heavy lifting in the kitchen and bathroom. On average, women spend 90 minutes longer each week than men on cleaning – the average woman cleans for 4 hours 51 minutes a week, whereas the average man cleans for only 3 hours 21 minutes.

Retail analysts Mintel said the availability of multi-purpose cleaning sprays that you can use all around the house is a factor in helping people speed up. Retail expert, Richard Hopping, said: 'The average amount of time that British people spend on cleaning their home each week has fallen by half an hour in recent years.'

Mintel found that 62% of the nation say they clean when they have the time and that just one in three has a schedule. Just over 40% say their aim is to do the job as quickly as humanly possible as they dislike cleaning. Around half really put their backs into it to ensure their home is spotless.

The study found cleaning the oven is the task people hate the most, with 67% ranking it among their top three dislikes. People also loathed dusting, but were relatively relaxed about wiping down worktops, mopping, sweeping and vacuuming. Do you agree with these findings?

(Source: Adapted from: End of the deep clean? We now spend 30 minutes less on chores each week than we did two years ago By Sean Poulter © Mail Online 2016)

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Time: 60 minutes

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You may use a dictionary.**

Total Marks

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Sign the declaration.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- This question paper assesses your reading skills, not your writing skills.

Advice

- Read all three texts before you attempt to answer the questions.
- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Context

You want to know how modern life is changing the way people do household chores.

Instructions

Read Text A, Text B and Text C in the Text Booklet, then answer questions 1 – 13.

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Answer question 1 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 The writer of Text A believes that:

- A people will spend more money on clothes in the future
- B people have too much technology in their lives
- C smart household gadgets will be difficult to operate
- D many smart household gadgets are already available

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 In Text A, what do the following quotations suggest about the writer's view of the future?

'marvel of modern science'

(1)

'living the dream'

(1)

(Total for Question 2 = 2 marks)

3 What is the **main** purpose of Text A?

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

4 Give **one** piece of advice from Text B about how to make household chores fun.

(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)



Answer questions 5 and 6 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

5 In Text B, the paragraph beginning 'If you share your house...' implies that:

- A more adults are living by themselves these days
- B some people try to get out of helping with chores
- C some people make more mess than others
- D children should help with every household chore

(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

6 In Text B, 'runs like clockwork' is an example of:

- A simile
- B alliteration
- C command
- D slogan

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

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7 Identify **two** language features used by the writer of Text C to present views about chores.

Give an example to support each answer.

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(Total for Question 7 = 4 marks)

8 Your friend wants to know what technology is available to help with household chores.

Using Text A and Text B, tell your friend about technological items that can help with household chores.

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(Total for Question 8 = 5 marks)

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9 Give **one** quotation from Text A and **one** quotation from Text C that suggest people's working hours are increasing.

Quotation from Text A

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Quotation from Text C

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(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)

10 Use Text B and Text C to answer this question.

Explain how these texts have different ideas about household chores.

Give examples from **both** texts to support your answer.

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(Total for Question 10 = 5 marks)

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11 You are preparing a talk on how lifestyles will change in the future.

Which text is the **most** useful when preparing your talk?

Give **one** reason for your choice and **one** example to support your answer.

Text (1)

Reason (1)

Example (1)

(Total for Question 11 = 3 marks)

12 You are interested in which household chores people dislike the most.

Identify **one** piece of evidence from **each** of the three texts that tells you which household chores people dislike the most.

Text A (1)

Text B (1)

Text C (1)

(Total for Question 12 = 3 marks)

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Answer question 13 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

13 Which statement below is an accurate summary of points made in the texts?

- A Texts A and B both claim that people don't care about cleaning anymore.
- B Texts B and C both suggest that there are sprays that speed up cleaning.
- C Texts B and C both give statistics on the amount of time spent cleaning.
- D Texts A and C both argue that cleaning regularly is good for your health.

(Total for Question 13 = 1 mark)

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