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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.
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Advice

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

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Text A

Exciting News!

Hollywood film giant Paramount has put forward a £2 billion proposal to build one of Europe's largest theme parks in Swanscombe, Kent. The park is planned to open in 2021. The 872-acre development will be bigger than the Olympic Park and, along with related businesses, could create 27,000 jobs.

At the heart of the park will be an entertainment resort boasting attractions including Europe's largest indoor water park. Theatres, live music venues, cinemas, restaurants and hotels are also planned for the derelict and unattractive site.

Gravesham Council Leader John Burden said: 'This scheme is as imaginative as it is vast. It has the potential to re-energise the entire North Kent economy. It could wipe out unemployment at a stroke and resolve the regeneration issues in this area. It's a historic announcement which could transform the area at lightning speed.'

The resort will include a new country park, the biggest performing arts centre in Europe and apartments. This huge attraction will bring thousands of visitors to North Kent annually, adding significantly to the economy and increasing the area's share in the rising number of theme park visits.

Dartford MP Gareth Jackson is backing the plan and says: 'I will be watching the progress of the planning application with interest.'

Project leader Tony Sefton added: 'Our vision is to create a world-class entertainment destination, the first of its kind in the UK. We are at the start of a long journey, but have been encouraged by the support we have had to date.'

Ebbsfleet International Station is at the core of rail access plans for the park, while the existing M25, M20 and A20 will provide road links. The scheme will be welcomed by local people for the many benefits that will come from being part of the growing popularity of theme parks.

(Source: adapted from: http://www.newshopper.co.uk/news/9971772.Hollywood_film_giant_Paramount_plans_huge_theme_park_in_Swanscombe/)



Text B

Park Life

Theme parks attract millions of visitors each year but even leading parks such as Legoland, Alton Towers, Thorpe Park and Blackpool Pleasure Beach need to keep offering new attractions. This ensures high-spending visitors continue to flood in and jobs are secured for the thousands of workers who depend on theme parks for employment.

Thrill rides, such as roller coasters, are a major draw for park-goers but theme parks offer much more. Beautiful gardens, pets' corners, exhibitions, boating lakes and playgrounds for smaller children are also provided.

Competition between theme parks is intense, particularly when visitors themselves are facing tough times. As holidays at home ('staycations') become more popular, parks have the chance to cash in. However, providing something new and exciting is vital to keep the money flowing in.

Blackpool Pleasure Beach, for example, has spent more than £2 million on its new Skyforce ride. The 20-metre-high, 12-seat, white-knuckle ride takes passengers on a 360-degree tour of the skies. Developed with the Red Arrows air display team, the ride has its own control tower. It enables people to feel they are flying their own aeroplane, which includes turning, spinning and gliding.

Other parks are not standing still. At Alton Towers, Galactica, a virtual reality roller coaster, will be opening soon. It will offer a 189-second ride over an 840-metre track with top speeds reaching 47 mph. At Thorpe Park a team of 1,000 has been working for three years to develop a 13-minute ride, designed by entertainer Derren Brown.

With brand new theme parks planned for some parts of the country, existing parks must offer more. More live entertainment could be provided or aqua parks created. However, new and exciting thrill rides are the best way of increasing visitor numbers and ensuring that the many jobs offered are protected.



Text C

Dear Sir

I read with mounting concern the article in last week's edition of your newspaper about plans to open a theme park costing millions at historic Haversham Hall.

Possibly a few hundred jobs may be created but, otherwise, the local community will not benefit. It is tragic that the former home of the Haversham family should become an amusement park. A Georgian mansion deserves better than becoming a café for thirsty day trippers.

The impact of this development on the local environment will be devastating. One hundred mature trees are to be chopped down and 12 acres of woodland will be destroyed. The glorious springtime displays of snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells will be lost for ever. 70 acres of prime farmland will vanish, damaging the existing farming economy. Local wildlife, including protected species, will suffer immensely.

New car parks will increase the surface run-off of rainwater, making it more likely that the River Haver will burst its banks and repeat the flooding nightmare suffered by several villages last year.

Around 70,000 vehicles will bring more than a quarter of a million people to the park each year. No doubt the park will tap in to the growing market for this type of attraction but how will our narrow roads and lanes cope? Local people will be trapped in their homes as the roads they use will be clogged with traffic. The pollution created is a further concern, as is the threat to the safety of local people using previously peaceful highways.

This development will not be a pretty sight. The gigantic rides will be visible for miles and will spoil an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Apparently the council plans to invest millions of pounds on supporting this crazy scheme. How dare they spend OUR money on something which NONE of us wants?

To set up an action group to resist these plans, a meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 8 June at Haversham School. We hope people will join us to oppose this dreadful scheme.

Yours faithfully

Caleb Parker

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Time: 60 minutes

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**You MUST have the correct Text Booklet.
You may use a dictionary.**

Total Marks

My signature confirms that I will not discuss the content of the test with anyone until the end of the 5 day test window.

Signature: _____

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 enjoy visiting theme parks. You decide to find out more about them.

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 the new theme park will be:

- A the largest in Europe
- B a boost to the local economy
- C accessible only by car
- D better than the Olympic Park

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 In Text A, what do the following phrases suggest about John Burden's views on the theme park proposal?

'historic announcement'

(1)

'lightning speed'

(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** reason why Text B is the most useful text for finding out about different theme parks.

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(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: 'Competition between theme parks...' suggests that people:

- A are spending more on holidays
- B enjoy theme park competitions
- C are attracted by new rides
- D visit theme parks less often

(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

6 In Text B, 'turning, spinning and gliding' is an example of:

- A rule of three
- B slogan
- C metaphor
- D direct address

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

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7 Identify **two** language features used by the writer of Text C to persuade the reader that the new theme park is a bad idea.

Give an example to support each answer.

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(Total for Question 7 = 4 marks)

8 Your friend thinks that theme parks only provide thrill rides such as roller coasters.

Using Text A and Text B, show what else theme parks can offer.

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9 Give **one** quotation from Text A and **one** quotation from Text C that suggest that the number of visitors to theme parks is increasing.

Quotation from Text A

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Quotation from Text C

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(1)

(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)

10 Text A and Text C have different ideas about the impact of building a theme park.

Explain these different ideas.

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

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11 You are preparing a talk on how thrill rides are designed.

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 how much employment theme parks provide.

Identify **one** piece of evidence from **each** of the three texts that tells you about how much employment theme parks provide.

Text A (1)

Text B (1)

Text C (1)

(Total for Question 12 = 3 marks)



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 state that theme parks always contain water parks.
- B Texts A and C both suggest theme parks are unpopular with local people.
- C Texts A and C both show theme parks require lots of money to set up.
- D Texts B and C both argue that theme parks affect local wildlife habitats.

(Total for Question 13 = 1 mark)

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