

English Language
PAPER 1: Fiction and Imaginative Writing

Total Marks

Monday 5 June 2023 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

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YOU MUST HAVE

Reading Text Insert (enclosed)

YOU WILL BE GIVEN

Nil

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL questions in Section A and ONE in Section B.

You should spend about 1 hour on Section A.

You should spend about 45 minutes on Section B.

Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 64.

The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

INFORMATION continued.

Questions labelled with an **ASTERISK (*)** are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
Check your answers if you have time at the end.

SECTION A**Reading**

Read the text in the Reading Text Insert provided and answer ALL questions.

You should spend about 1 hour on this section.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1 From lines 1 – 5, identify a word or phrase that shows that the inn is very old.**

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 Read this extract.

Arriving at the town, we had no difficulty in finding the inn. The town is composed of one desolate street; and midway in that street stands the inn—an ancient stone building sadly out of repair. The painting on the sign-board is obliterated. The shutters over the long range of front windows are all closed. A cock and his hens are the only living creatures at the door. Plainly, this is one of the old inns of the stage-coach period, ruined by the railway. We pass through the open arched doorway, and find no one to welcome us. We advance into the stable yard behind; I assist my wife to dismount. No bell to ring. No human creature to answer when I call.

Give TWO things that show how deserted the place is.

You may use your own words or quotations from the text.

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(Total for Question 2 = 2 marks)

3 Read this extract.

Mrs. Fairbank saunters* gracefully down the length of the yard and does – what all women do, when they find themselves in a strange place. She opens every door as she passes it, and peeps in. On my side, I have just recovered my breath, I am on the point of shouting for the stableman for the third and last time, when I hear Mrs. Fairbank suddenly call to me:

“Percy! Come here!”

Her voice is eager and agitated. She has opened a last door at the end of the yard, and has started back from some sight which has suddenly met her view. I hitch the horses’ bridles on a rusty nail in the wall near me, and join my wife. She has turned pale, and catches me nervously by the arm.

“Good heavens!” she cries; “look at that!”

I look – and what do I see? I see a dingy little stable, containing two stalls. In one stall a horse is munching his corn. In the other a man is lying asleep.

A worn, withered, woebegone** man in a stableman’s clothes. His hollow wrinkled cheeks, his scanty grizzled hair, his dry yellow skin, tell their own tale of past sorrow or suffering.

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How does the writer use language and structure to describe the experiences of Percy Fairbank and Mrs Fairbank in the stable?

**Support your views with reference to the text.
(6 marks)**

Answer space continues on the next 4 pages.

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(Total for Question 3 = 6 marks)

- 4 In this extract, there is an attempt to create a sense of mystery.

Evaluate how successfully this is achieved.

Support your views with detailed reference to the text.
(15 marks)

Answer space continues on the next 10 pages.

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(Total for Question 4 = 15 marks)

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SECTION B

Imaginative Writing

Answer ONE question. You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.

Write your answer in the space provided.

EITHER

- *5 Write about a time in your life when something unexpected happened.**

Your response could be real or imagined.

***Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.**

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 5 = 40 MARKS)

OR

***6 Look at the images in your Reading Text Insert.**

Write about a time when you had a dream that was important to you.

Your response could be real or imagined. You may wish to base your response on one of the images.

***Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.**

(TOTAL FOR QUESTION 6 = 40 MARKS)

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ~~☒~~ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen question number:

QUESTION 5 ☐ **QUESTION 6** ☐

Plan your answer to Section B here:

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Write your answer to Section B here:

Answer space continues on the next 20 pages.

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