

English Language  
PAPER 1: Fiction and Imaginative Writing

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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.**

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**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.**

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**(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)**

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**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)**

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### 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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**3 continued.**

**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)**

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- 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)**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 24 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.**

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**(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.**

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**(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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