

English Language

PAPER 1: Fiction and Imaginative Writing

Total Marks

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

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.

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 use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.

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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 1–7, identify a word that shows what the man is holding in his hand.**

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 Read this extract.

gaunt** – excessively thin, angular and bony
decrepit*** – worn out or ruined

As he stood, he leaned upon his weapon for support, and yet his tall figure and the massive framework of his bones suggested a wiry and vigorous constitution. His gaunt** face, however, and his clothes, which hung so baggily over his shrivelled limbs, proclaimed what it was that gave him that senile and decrepit*** appearance. The man was dying — dying from hunger and from thirst.

From the extract, give TWO things that the reader learns about the appearance of the man.

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.

He had journeyed painfully down the ravine, and on to this little elevation, in the vain hope of seeing some signs of water. Now the great salt plain stretched before his eyes, and the distant belt of savage mountains, without a sign anywhere of plant or tree, which might indicate the presence of moisture. In all that broad landscape there was no gleam of hope. North, and east, and west he looked with wild questioning eyes, and then he realised that his wanderings had come to an end, and that there, on that barren crag, he was about to die. “Why not here, as well as in a feather bed, twenty years hence,” he muttered, as he seated himself in the shelter of a boulder.

Before sitting down, he had deposited upon the ground his useless rifle, and also a large bundle tied up in a grey shawl, which he had carried slung over his right shoulder. It appeared to be somewhat too heavy for his strength, for in lowering it, it came down on the ground with some little violence. Instantly there broke from the grey parcel a little moaning cry, and from it there protruded a small, scared face, with very bright brown eyes, and two little speckled, dimpled fists.

“You’ve hurt me!” said a childish voice reproachfully.

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In the extract, how does the writer use language and structure to describe the man's journey and what happens when he puts down his bundle?

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

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(Total for Question 3 = 6 marks)

- 4 In this extract, there is an attempt to create sympathy for the man and the little girl.

Evaluate how successfully this is achieved.

Support your views with detailed reference to the text.
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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 when you, or someone you know, had to rely upon somebody else.**

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 the Reading Text Insert.**

Write about a time when you did something adventurous.

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:

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 40 MARKS

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 64 MARKS

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