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English Language 2.0
PAPER 1: Non-Fiction Texts

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Time: 1 hour 55 minutes

Source Booklet

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THE QUESTION PAPER.**

ADVICE

**Read the texts before answering the questions in
Section A of the question paper.**

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SECTION A

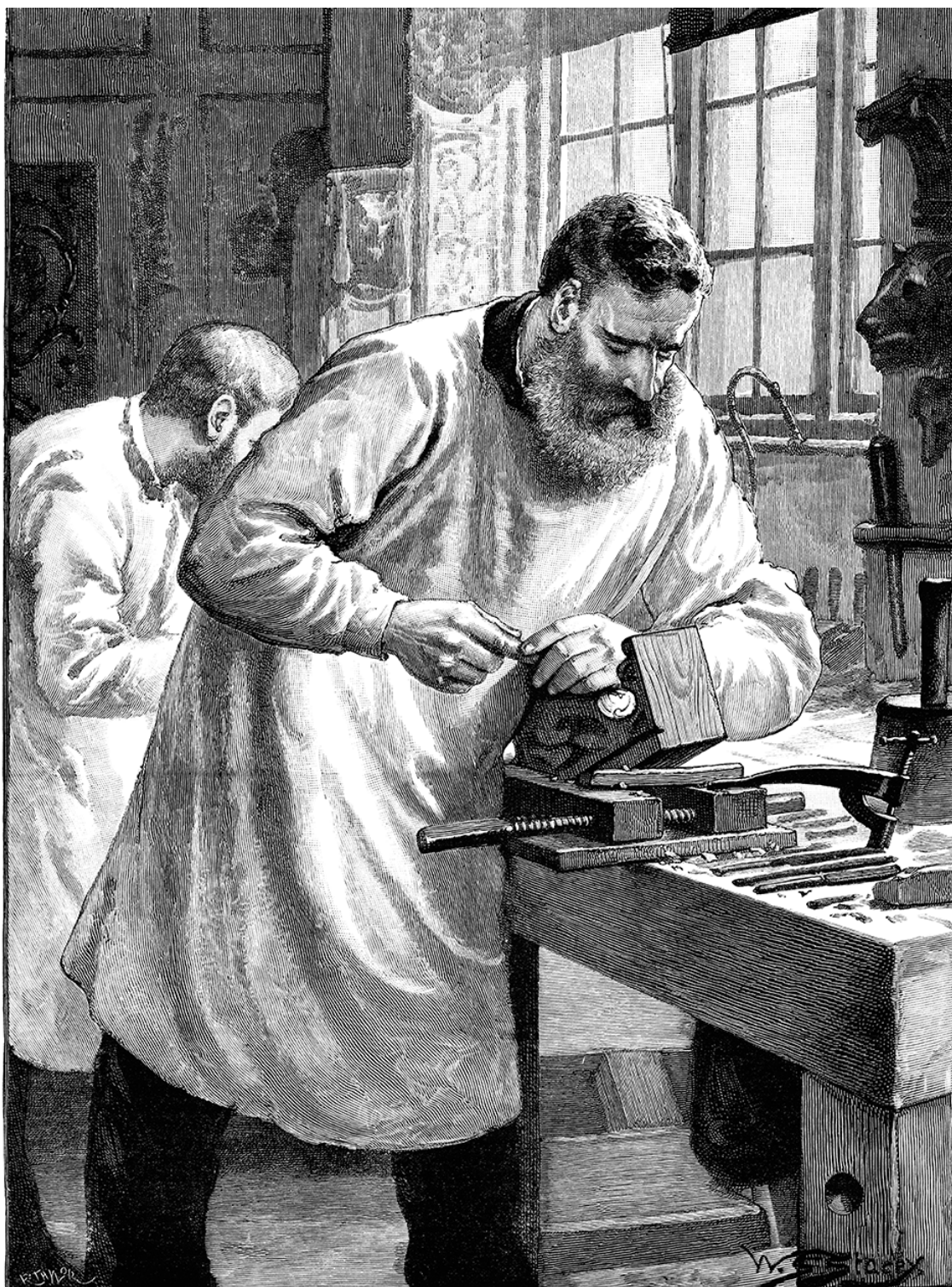
Reading

Read Text 1 below and then answer Questions 1–3 on the Question Paper.

This extract is adapted from a newspaper article written in 1894, which is about how hobbies are rewarding and helpful for people of all ages.

Beneficial Hobbies

The wood carver at work.



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GLOSSARY

¹pioneering – exploration

²furnish – supply / provide

³incalculable – limitless / endless

Hobbies have a decided tendency for good on the well-being not only of the young but of the old ... Many and many a youth has been started on his upward path through life by the adoption of a hobby. It has filled up his spare moments; it has kept him from temptations out of doors, and given him something to think about at home indoors.

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Many a hobby adopted in youth may be found of benefit in later life. The struggle for existence is becoming greater every day, and no one can ever be the worse for having learned an honest handicraft – say, that of carpentry or joinery. On the contrary, if a young man has to go abroad to a new land to make his living – perhaps even pioneering¹ – he will find the hobby of his youth becomes one of very great utility indeed. But still more, in later life, when cares press and yet actual occupation may diminish; when children leave the home, and quieter times settle down around one; then a genuine hobby – a pursuit in which one can for a time find absorbing interest, and which may furnish² stimulating communication with others who have the same tastes – may be of incalculable³ benefit.

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Read Text 2 below and answer Questions 4–6 on the Question Paper.

In this extract adapted from a newspaper article written in 1887, the writer presents his ideas about why it is important and beneficial to have a hobby.

Hobbies

GLOSSARY

¹faculties – mental powers / skills / abilities

²dormant – inactive

³a rustic locality – the countryside

As a safety-valve for a steam engine, so is a hobby for a busy man – to gently and healthfully exercise the mind. What is demanded is that, it shall afford fair exercise to faculties¹ that are dormant² or but feebly in demand in the more sober work of life. A point comes when for health and vigour you must voluntarily exercise what nature has done so much to keep in trim for you. To do so is only to pay tribute to health. ‘All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.’

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Let every man and woman, therefore, have his or her 10
 hobby. There are some in which both sexes can join
 and share, and this doubles the delight and benefit to
 each: – the pleasures of a plant-collecting ramble or
 fern-hunt are certainly doubled by being thus shared;
 so may be the delights of pet-keeping, or the continual 15
 surprises of a walking tour through lovely picturesque
 scenes such as our England, above most countries,
 can boast, and which are all too little known and
 enjoyed. Then there are the bicycles and tricycles,
 the fishing-punt with rods, and reels, and bait, 20
 and what not, or the tennis lawn for those who are
 more ambitious.

Anything that draws one out of doors, draws one for
 a little while out of oneself, is to be commended and
 encouraged in all possible ways. There is medicine 25
 beyond price in any one of these pastimes wisely
 pursued. Anything which innocently tends to reduce
 the excitement and irritation consequent on the
 high-pressure at which men and women nowadays
 must live, or lose ground in the hot race of life in large 30
 towns, should be met with smiles by all who love
 their fellow-men. Even attachment to a rustic locality³
 is something. There we drink in light, and love,
 and health.

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And then for indoor hobbies – when the long evenings 35
 set in, and all without is wrapped in frost or covered
 with snow, how nice then to make cosy the mind with
 a good book – history, romance, poetry, or science,
 as it may be, and while the fire blazes and the lights
 make deep shadows in recesses and corners, to 40
 sit solitary and secure. To take the microscope and
 go over the specimens industriously collected in
 ramblings in the long summer. It may be that in a
 corner of a conservatory, set on a slope and the water
 trickling over them, you have the real thing to revive 45
 the memory of your boldest and most trying botanical
 enterprises when you tramped half-ankle deep in
 watery moss to find your specimens.

Music, too, hath charms to soothe not only the savage,
 but the cultured breast; and respite from fevered 50
 weariness and exhaustion is easily and cheaply won
 by connection with the imagination of Mendelssohn,
 and Chopin, and Schubert. Shakespeare was a lover
 of music, and made it a hobby. We need not all expect
 to excel; but it is a poor gift that cannot be cultivated 55
 enough to be a pleasure to some.

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