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**Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)**

**English Language 2.0**  
**PAPER 1: Non-Fiction Texts**

**Tuesday 7 November 2023 – Morning**

**Time: 1 hour 55 minutes**

**Source Booklet**

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WITH 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**

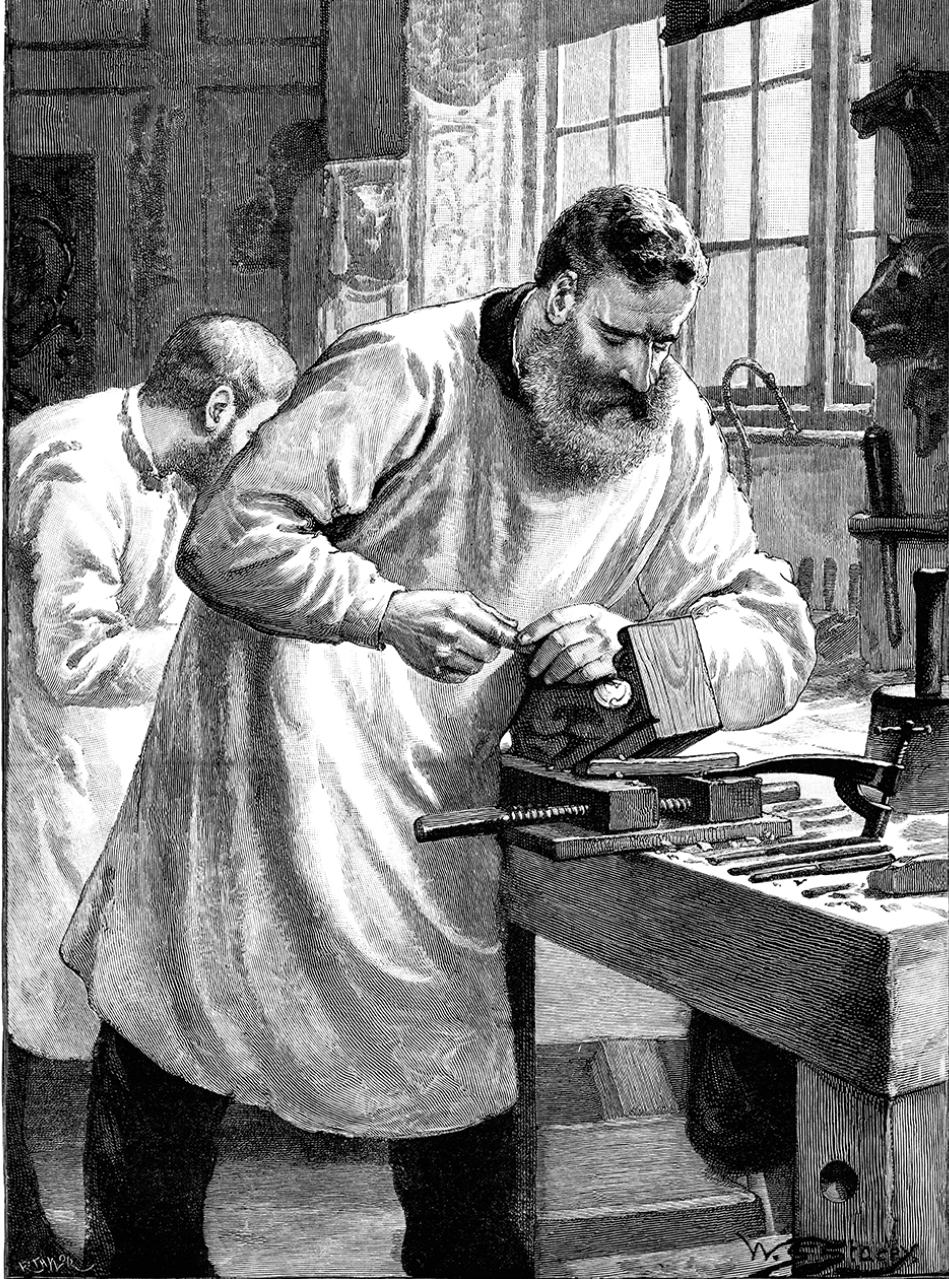
**Read Text 1 below and then answer Questions 1–3 on the Question Paper.**

**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.**

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# Beneficial Hobbies

The wood carver at work.



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## **GLOSSARY**

**<sup>1</sup>pioneering – exploration**

**<sup>2</sup>furnish – supply / provide**

**<sup>3</sup>incalculable – 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. **5**

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 **10**  
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**contrary, if a young man has to go  
abroad to a new land to make his living  
– perhaps even pioneering<sup>1</sup> – he will find  
the hobby of his youth becomes one of  
very great utility indeed. But still more, in 20  
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 25  
find absorbing interest, and which may  
furnish<sup>2</sup> stimulating communication with  
others who have the same tastes – may  
be of incalculable<sup>3</sup> benefit.**

**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**

**<sup>1</sup>faculties – mental powers/skills/abilities**

**<sup>2</sup>dormant – inactive**

**<sup>3</sup>a rustic locality – the countryside**

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**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 faculties<sup>1</sup> that are dormant<sup>2</sup> or 5  
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 10  
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 hobby. There are some  
in which both sexes can join and 15  
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 20  
the continual 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 25  
bicycles and tricycles, the fishing-punt  
with rods, and reels, and bait, and what  
not, or the tennis lawn for those who are  
more ambitious.**

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**Anything that draws one out of doors, 30  
draws one for a little while out of oneself,  
is to be commended and encouraged  
in all possible ways. There is medicine  
beyond price in any one of these  
pastimes wisely pursued. Anything which 35  
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 towns, should 40  
be met with smiles by all who love their  
fellow-men. Even attachment to a rustic  
locality<sup>3</sup> is something. There we drink in  
light, and love, and health.**

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**And then for indoor hobbies – when the 45**  
**long evenings 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 50**  
**while the fire blazes and the lights make**  
**deep shadows in recesses and corners,**  
**to sit solitary and secure. To take the**  
**microscope and go over the specimens**  
**industriously collected in ramblings 55**  
**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 the**  
**memory of your boldest and most trying 60**  
**botanical enterprises when you tramped**  
**half-ankle deep in watery moss to find**  
**your specimens.**

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**Music, too, hath charms to soothe not  
only the savage, but the cultured breast; 65  
and respite from fevered 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 70  
made it a hobby. We need not all expect  
to excel; but it is a poor gift that cannot  
be cultivated enough to be a pleasure  
to some.**

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