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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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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

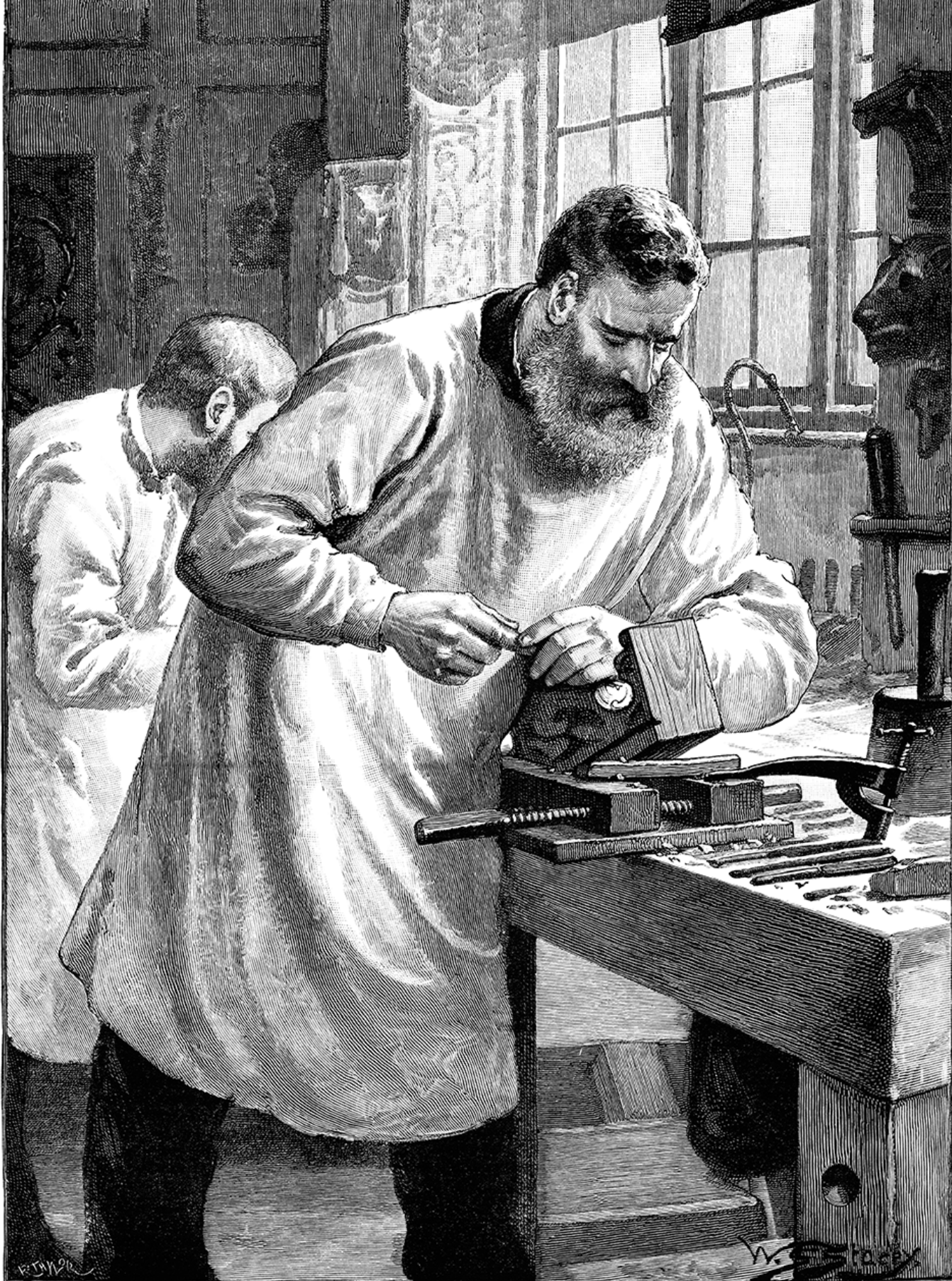
Read Text 1 below and then answer Questions 1–3 on the Question Paper.

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

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. **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 pioneering¹ – 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
furnish² stimulating communication with
others who have the same tastes – may
be of incalculable³ 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

¹faculties – mental powers / skills / abilities

²dormant – inactive

³a 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 faculties¹ that are dormant² 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
locality³ 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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