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English Language A

Paper 1

The purpose of this pack is to provide centres with exemplification of a top mark answer. This candidate has hit the criteria and received 58 marks out of a total of 60 marks.

Candidate A

Section A: Questions 1 and 2

1 Give **two** words to describe the oxygen equipment that the men used.

1 Q01

brutally heavy, primitive

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

2 Look again at lines 2 to 10.

2 Q02

Give **two** phrases that the writer uses to show that this climb is amazing.

1 'be the first men ever to stand on the peak of the world's highest mountain'

2 'took the first step ~~into~~ in what would become a climb into history'

(Total for Question 2 = 2 marks) **2**

Question 3

3 In your own words, explain what we learn about the characters of Irvine and Mallory. 5 Q03

Irvine and Mallory are shown to be two very brave and determined men ^{as} ~~who~~ are they are embarking on an incredibly dangerous expedition. We also learn that they are very focused and understand the ~~the~~ peril of the situation as they do not even need to speak to each other. ~~the~~ ~~at~~ Irvine is ~~both~~ athletic and ~~both~~ ^{* both men have} desperately to reach the top of this mountain and know that there is the potential that they will die during this arduous climb. ^{**} Finally, throughout this entire passage their grit and determination to succeed is portrayed. ~~the~~ ^{**} Also the way the get out of the tent illustrates how physically ~~and~~ ~~mentally~~ tired they are. ^{*} despite Mallory's age and physical condition

(Total for Question 3 = 5 marks) 5

Question 4

4 How does the writer try to interest the reader in the events in this passage?

In your answer you should write about:

- the weather and conditions on the mountain
- the deaths of the two men
- particular words, phrases and techniques.

You may include **brief** quotations from the passage to support your answer.

(12) 1204

The writer tries to interest the reader in the events of this passage in various different ways and in this essay I will attempt to explain this.

The weather and conditions on the mountain capture our interest ~~and~~ as well as creating paths for the men who suffered through it. One of the first depictions of the mountain sets the scene for the passage and ~~the~~ ^{this} creates excitement 'wind-ravaged saddle of snow, ice and rock'. The danger of the ^{extreme} weather, on the mountain, is also ~~partly~~ described ^{and} ~~this~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{how} ~~the~~ ^{men} ~~are~~ ^{where} 'bury the mountain upon under wave upon wave of snow' - the personification. Also, the fact that they need 'brutally heavy' oxygen equipment illustrates ~~the~~ how fierce the weather is.

The deaths of Irvine and Mallory also add to our interest in the events in the passage as although we know they have died, at the start we do not know how. Their deaths are described in brutal detail with emotive language throughout this section. Also, the way this section reveals their character adds ~~to~~ ~~no matter what they wanted to~~ ~~by~~ interest because even though Irvine is injured he still wants to make it back to camp and Mallory 'crosses his good leg over the broken one'. The way in which their deaths are described so calmly juxtaposes, in my opinion, with the fast paced, emotive way in which their injuries are explained thus creating interest. This calm manner also highlights once again how alone they are ~~at~~ ~~the~~ and this really ~~hits~~ ~~the~~ ~~reader~~ shocks the reader.

The language used by the writer is an excellent way in which our interest is captured. Straight away ~~the~~ the title is intriguing as it is a rhetorical question and this draws the reader in as they are left

highlighting what has happened to show two people
Also, the emphasis on them being the 'first
men' illustrates ~~perhaps~~ how dangerous this is as
perhaps no one has ever attempted this before.

The phrases 'great romantic tragedies' and words
like 'attempted' solidify the thought in our
mind that these two men did not
~~actually~~ return from their climb. Short
sentences ~~like~~ such as 'they were never seen
again' are sudden and ^{their bluntness} shock the reader.

Also, words like 'critical' highlight their
~~dangerous~~ perilous situation and add interest as
does the sibilance, 'saddle of snow' and 'supplies
~~and~~ and support'. The personification of the
monsoon gives it a menacing feeling and in
the section that describes their deaths emotive
language is used 'agency'. The dashes also
create a feeling of hopelessness ~~and~~ and the
short sentences create pace and excitement.*
*, 'it is do or die' and 'he does not stop'.

Also, for the most part the language is
emotive and there is use of some
technical terms like - ropes to maintain
climbing (jargon). Finally, the way in which the

(Total for Question 4 = 12 marks) **12**

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS

4 men's deaths are described is calmly especially Irvine's ~~who~~ who 'slips into a darkness'. This final sentence is incredibly striking because ~~of its~~ ~~as~~ it ends the passage in a moving way.

In conclusion, the writer tries to engage the reader through their expert use of language, depiction of the weather, mountain and the brutal deaths of the men. In my opinion, it is the language that is particularly captivating.

Section B: Question 5

- 5 How does the writer bring out his thoughts and feelings about the actions of the two explorers?

You should refer closely to the passage to support your answer. You may include **brief** quotations.

(10) | Q05

The writer, Morris, brings out his thoughts and feelings about the actions of the two men in many different ways and in this essay I will attempt to explain this.

The first real impression that Morris gives us of the men is through the title where he quotes Mrs. Vesley, who calls the men, 'boys messing about'. This implies that Morris agrees with Mrs. Vesley about how the men were reckless to do this. Next, the use of the word 'force' highlights the writer's frustrated view about the men's 'expedition' and the word 'plucked' essentially marks the men, as does this entire article. Another phrase that is incredibly ironic is 'in their busy helicopter' as in the previous paragraph experts 'questioned' why they used this particular helicopter.

Also, other words such as 'scrambled' show how unprepared the men were and throughout experts are used to illustrate all the things that these men did wrong. Despite this, Morris does take ~~two~~ ~~or~~ a few paragraphs to list the men's previous experiences and through in these paragraphs one gets the sense that they are perhaps good explorers who just had a bad day. However, in the next short paragraph the writer states that this is 'not the first time... hit the headlines for the wrong reason' showing again his disapproval. Even the spokesperson for Mr Brooks and Mr. Smith cannot understand what went wrong.

Next, the writer appeals to the readers, who will most likely pay for the rescue, through the quote that it will be 'highly unlikely... recover any money'. This article will lead most people to side with the writer as there was no need for this expedition and yet two cameramen will now have to pay for the men's rescue. Finally, the

last line is again a quote from Mrs Vestey who ~~is~~ and in this ^{sentence} phrase the phrase 'bottoms kicked' suggests their childish manner.

The language that Morris uses also clearly illustrates his thoughts on the actions of the men. For example, the phrase 'experienced adventures' is somewhat mocking of their ability given what we have just found out. Also, the fact that Mr. Brooks had an emergency watch as a wedding present implies that ~~he~~ he has been in trouble like this before.

In conclusion, Morris expresses his thoughts and feelings about the men's actions in many different ways but perhaps most expertly through his use of language and the satirical tone towards the men throughout.

Question 6

- 6 Your local newspaper is worried about the number of young people who are injured on the roads.

Write a letter to the newspaper giving your views on how to improve road safety for young people.

(10) 9 Q06

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am ~~here~~ writing to you today to express my concerns about the number of young people who are injured by ~~me~~ on the roads and I employ you to listen.

Firstly, I believe that there should be many more traffic crossings in the roads that are safer. For example, the other day, I was casually strolling down the road near my house with my dog when we came to the zebra crossing. I began to place my foot on the road when a car came speeding past me at a furious speed. This is completely unacceptable, in my view, and I strongly think that there should be a fine for consequence for such a action. What if it was a child? However, we must also consider

the lack of speed cameras today. I know of many people who slow down at a speed camera area and then after they have passed continue at an absurd speed. Therefore, we should employ people to ~~monitor~~ monitor the speeds of cars particularly in areas around schools. This will result in ~~a~~ less injuries, in my opinion.

Also, another way which is perhaps more difficult to tackle is the fact that technology rules our world today and it is still ~~growing~~ on its relentless rise to reach every part of the world. This means that ~~nearly~~ ^{the} ~~most~~ ^{majority} of young people today look at their phones while crossing the road or wear headphones. I believe that this is something that must stop and we must, for the safety of the new generation, ~~ensure~~ get our message across: One cannot ~~hear~~ ^{hear} or see cars if they are focused on something else. A way in which we can perhaps solve this problem is by making them aware

through lectures that are part of their school curriculum. They then ~~also~~ should understand that ~~sustain~~ listening to an extra song or texting your friend immediately is not worth sustaining a serious injury or ~~your~~ their death.

Another idea I have is to make sure that if young people are on the roads at night, perhaps on a bicycle, that they wear protective gear and luminescent clothing. This may seem silly to some people however, it could save their life.

Overall, I feel that we, as a community, are not doing enough to ~~help~~ make sure the roads are safe.

However, I ~~also~~ also know that some young people are ~~also~~ to blame as well. Therefore, we must work together to avoid any more unwanted injuries.

Yours faithfully,
Puelh Cheung

(Total for Question 6 = 10 marks for writing) 9

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 20 MARKS

Section C: Question 7

SECTION C: Writing

You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.

- 7 A magazine is publishing an article entitled 'Happiness!'.

Write a contribution for the magazine explaining what makes you happy.

You may choose to write about:

- your hobbies, activities and interests
- the importance of friends, family and relationships
- any other points you wish to make.

(20)1907

Happiness!

Happiness is all around us. We see it every day and it is something we cannot ~~touch~~ touch yet we all, at some point in our lives, feel it. That moment of pure being just jubilant.

Happy Marvellous Music

One of my favourite childhood memories that always brings me happiness when I recall it is the year I won at Nardenhead Music Festival. Every year ^{one} for the past few years I had competed and every year like clockwork I had lost. ~~This is because~~ I was devastated all the time and I could not quite understand why I had lost not won. See, my grandmother had won the competition when she was a little

girl and so I felt as if it was my destiny to win someday.

Well, the day of the competition rolled up and I had practised until my hands were bruised. I was ready. I could do this. So, ~~ever~~ ^{to} ~~went~~ I travelled there with my family and in the car I could see, in the corner of my eye, my parents' excited faces. They really believed in me and I abhorred letting them down each year. When we arrived unfortunately Mrs. Smith was at the desk with her piercing blue eyes that seemed to follow you wrong the room like an unwelcome shadow.

~~From~~ Suddenly, ~~if~~ my life went from bad to worse when my worst enemy, Patricia Vandenburg, showed up. She had ~~every~~ curly, sausage-like hair that was sheared around her face like a sherd of metal and she appeared to think she was better than ~~any~~ ^{all} of us as she ignored everyone around. Despite all of this, the most ~~recent~~ irritating thing about her was that she was a very good pianist.

Several minutes later and Patricia had played. I darted towards the back door for some air as panic surged through me like ~~an~~ a ferocious, fiery, flood. At the same time fear tightened its icy, cold grip around me. Then, the moment that changed my life ~~happened~~ happened when I saw the most beautiful sight I have ever seen. There were thousands of ~~and~~ multi-colored leaves swirling and twirling their way to the ground like a haunting, hypnotic dance. In that moment - an epiphany was evoked in me and I suddenly realized that after all those years that all I had been missing was happiness.

A few moments later I marched back into the hall ~~with my new found~~ ~~sense of~~ and sat down at the piano. I could not breathe. I could not think. I could not move. All I could do was play...

By some miracle a few hours later ~~I~~ a cacophony of sounds exploded and I

has announced as this year's ~~win~~ winner.
In that serendipitous moment all my
dreams came true and I felt ~~happiness~~
true happiness.

Family First:

We can have all the wealth in the
~~world~~ world and get, to me, life without
family or love seems ~~un~~ un-natural. Perhaps
this is because my family means so much
to me.

My parents are amazing and have taught
taught me all about life and because
of their help I ^{have become} ~~am~~ who I am today.
One of my fondest memories was when I
was a demure child at about seven years
old. I was ~~just~~ playing hide and seek
with my brother and I had hid in
the kitchen. As I peeped through the
kitchen in the curtains I ~~see~~ saw my
parents cooking dinner. What puzzled me
then that makes complete sense now is
how they never seasoned the same dish
twice. I asked my dad why he did this

and he responded, 'Because it mirrors life, sweetheart, and how you must always follow your dreams and never ~~do~~ regret anything.' That is something that I will never forget as long as I live.

Love yourself like you love no other

Some people may call me absurd for saying that someone should love themselves more than anyone else. ~~However~~ However, I believe that the true path to happiness is through loving yourself and needing nobody else to make you happy. This is because if you are constantly relying on someone else to ~~make~~ make you feel better about yourself, how can you ever be happy just being you? You should love yourself before you love another as this way you can fully give yourself to this person instead of using them to discover yourself.

~~However~~ Also, there is evidence ~~of~~ ^{that} this can boost your relationship as in my opinion a healthy relationship is when you have hobbies and interests that are outside your ~~relationship~~

Relationship. ~~3~~

This advice can ^{also} help lots of young ~~people~~ ^{people} in the world who struggle with self-esteem issues.*

To sum up, happiness in itself is hard to explain ~~and~~ ^{because} it comes from a place within that no impertinent person or ~~rough~~ ^{some} callous comments can touch ^{or} ~~also~~ in ~~my~~ ^{any} opinion, take away. So, just believe in yourself and surround yourself with people who deeply care for you and you ~~but~~ without knowing it, have already achieved true happiness.

* This is a serious problem that I feel incredibly strongly about as no one should be made to feel as if they are inadequate. My ~~some~~ thoughts ~~that~~ might help are to forget about those people and to ignore everything they say because all they are doing is showing that they are ^{so} insecure in themselves that they need to

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks) **19**

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 20 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 60 MARKS

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~~put~~ put down other people. You are beautiful inside and out no matter what anyone else says. ~~and~~ I hope that you will one day realize that you ~~are worth~~ it do not have to do anything, other than be yourself and love ~~yourself~~ yourself, to deserve happiness.

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