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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

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Paper 2 Comprehension

October/November 2020

1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

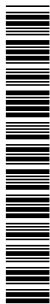
INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

This document has **8** pages. Blank pages are indicated.



(c) State the **one** piece of additional information provided that was the **least** relevant to your decisions in questions 1(a) and 1(b).

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(d) In your opinion, suggest the benefits for Amelia of being an au pair.

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[Total: 25]

Section B

Read the material for Section B in the insert before answering the questions in Section B.

2 (a) (i) Identify why the durian fruit is banned in public places.

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(ii) State how the author knows her taste for the durian is unusual.

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(iii) Give **three** examples from the material that show the durian is held in high regard by some.

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(b) Explain the meaning of the following **five** words as they are used in the material. You may write your answer as one word or a short phrase.

(i) 'proscribing' (line 4)

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(ii) 'obsession' (line 16)

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(iii) 'indifference' (line 28)

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(iv) 'snazzy' (line 47)

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(v) 'established' (line 48)

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(c) Identify the words or phrases in the material that mean the same as

(i) a novel experience

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(ii) makes me feel sick

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(d) State why younger people are increasingly rejecting durian as a fruit to eat.

Answer **in about 50 words**.

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(e) Describe what durian traders are doing to try to attract a wider range of customers.

Answer **using your own words** as far as possible.

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[Total: 25]

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