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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

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Paper 2 Comprehension

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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. Any blank pages are indicated.



Section A

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

- 1 (a) Explain the arguments Jackson could use in his letter to persuade Telnote to sponsor him.

Answer in about 80 words using continuous prose.

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(b) Unfortunately, Telnote has refused the invitation to sponsor Jackson. Explain **four** reasons the company could give to **support** its decision.

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reason 4

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(c) Using the material and your own knowledge, suggest the benefits and challenges the recent growth in the number of tourists on Everest might bring to the Sherpa community.

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(d) Identify evidence in the material which suggests that Jackson is likely to go ahead with the expedition despite not having a sponsor.

Answer in about 30 words.

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(e) Other than the reasons given by Jackson, suggest why individuals are attracted to participate in extreme sports.

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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) Explain the meaning of the following words or phrases:

(i) 'off-grid' (lines 1 and 29)

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(ii) 'stumbled across' (line 36)

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(iii) 'we got hooked on the idea' (line 56)

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(b) Identify **three** pieces of evidence that indicate Hugh was a pioneer in the area of wind power.

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

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

(i) available for all (Lisa)

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(ii) appeal to (Chisa)

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(iii) ability to cope (Chisa)

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(d) Explain why life on the peninsula is hard for the inhabitants (lines 9–18).

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

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(e) Using the material and your own knowledge, suggest reasons why someone would choose to move to a place like Scoraig.

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(f) Explain the disadvantages of being a child on the peninsula as suggested in the material.

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

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(g) Explain why Bev thinks that more children would benefit the community in future.

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(h) Using your own knowledge, suggest ways the internet might make the islanders' lives easier.

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