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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/23

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.



(b) Explain **four** disadvantages that Louisa, as an employee, could use to express her doubts about working from home.

disadvantage 1

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disadvantage 2

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disadvantage 3

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disadvantage 4

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[8]

(c) Finex hopes to encourage most of its employees to work from home so it can close its large office building in the city centre and rent a smaller one.

In your own opinion, explain

(i) why Finex still wants to keep a small office open in the city centre.

Do **not** repeat any material used in 1(a).

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[3]

(ii) **two** ways Finex’s board of directors can ensure its employees work effectively from home.

Do **not** repeat any material used in **1(a)**.

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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) Referring to lines 1 to 18, identify

(i) **two** pieces of evidence in the material that show climbing at The Arch is a popular activity.

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(ii) the **three** pieces of evidence showing that the atmosphere at The Arch is positive.

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

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(iii) the **two** reasons why young professionals prefer rock climbing to going to the gym.

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

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[2]

(b) Explain the meaning of the following words or phrases as they are used in the passage:

(i) bringing it into the mainstream (line 8)

..... [1]

(ii) selling out (line 22)

..... [1]

(iii) recanted (line 24)

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(iv) boycott (line 25).

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(c) According to the material, suggest why sports like rock climbing and skateboarding are not typical Olympic sports.

Answer **in about 30 words**.

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(d) Identify a word or phrases in the passage that means the same as

(i) adorn

..... [1]

(ii) honest.

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- (e) Explain why the International Olympic Committee has added new sports such as skateboarding and surfing to future Olympic Games.

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

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- (f) Using the information in the material and your own knowledge, state **three** reasons why the sportsmen, previously against surfing and climbing becoming Olympic sports, are now hoping to become Olympians.

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[3]

- (g) (i) Using your own knowledge, suggest why some countries may choose to host large sporting events, such as the Olympic Games or the football World Cup.

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- (ii) Using your own knowledge, suggest what might be the challenges for a country of hosting a large sporting event, such as the Olympic Games.

Answer in about 30 words.

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[Total: 25]

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