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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.



Section A

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

- 1 (a) Considering **only** the advantages, explain why Nicoletta is **more** likely to favour Footpath Focus.

You must **not** refer to Total Tartaruga.

Answer in continuous prose.

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(b) Explain **two** disadvantages for Jamil if the three friends choose Footpath Focus.

Do **not** refer to Total Tartaruga.

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reason 2

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(c) Explain **two** disadvantages for Jamil if the three friends choose Total Tartaruga.

Do **not** refer to Footpath Focus.

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reason 2

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(d) Explain **two** reasons why Simon would prefer Total Tartaruga.

Do **not** refer to Footpath Focus.

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(e) Using evidence from the extract from the conversation **only**, suggest why the reader might think that Nicoletta is bossy.

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(f) Using your own knowledge, state another example of voluntary work which might be worthwhile.

Justify your response.

Do **not** repeat any material from **Section 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) From the material identify the **exact** word or phrase that means:

(i) regular sequence (lines 1 to 10)

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(ii) established a base (lines 1 to 10)

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(iii) absorbs (lines 26 to 34)

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(iv) (to) take apart (lines 58 to 68)

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(b) Suggest

(i) the wider consequences for Earth of astronaut Tim Peake’s observations from the International Space Station.

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(ii) why scientists insist that the domestic details of space station life are important (lines 13 to 17).

Answer in about 10 words.

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(c) Explain how the break-up of the former Soviet Union offered an opportunity to NASA (lines 18 to 31).

Answer **in about 40 words**.

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(d) Explain why

(i) Professor Ian Crawford believes the high expenditure on the ISS was worth it (lines 36 to 38).

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

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(ii) Professor Lord Martin Rees takes the opposite view (lines 39 to 44).

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

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(iii) Professor Anu Ojha, despite his initial doubts, is convinced of the success of the ISS (lines 47 to 48).

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

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(e) Explain

- (i) what has been learned about the impacts of prolonged periods of zero gravity on the human body (lines 50 to 53).

Answer in about 20 words.

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- (ii) why this knowledge will be significant for NASA’s future cutting-edge space missions.

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- (f) In your opinion, from the three examples of ‘private enterprise’ interested in taking over the ISS, which **one** is **most** likely to be successful?

Justify your response.

Do **not** refer to the other two examples.

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