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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Reading

October/November 2021

2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- 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.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



Read **Text A, *Chasing the Northern Lights***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)–1(e)** on this question paper.

Question 1

(a) Give **three** reasons why the narrator decides to sit down on the way up the mountain, according to the text.

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- [1]

(b) **Using your own words**, explain what the text means by:

(i) ‘crimson glow’ (line 2):

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..... [2]

(ii) ‘massive body’ (line 3):

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..... [2]

(c) Re-read paragraph 2 (‘The aurora occurs ... rewarding than the other.’).

Give **two** circumstances in which you would be unlikely to see the aurora very clearly.

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- [2]

(d) Re-read paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 ('The aurora forecast ... gyrating.').

(i) Identify **two** things the narrator needed to do in order to see the aurora.

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- [2]

(ii) Explain why it was better for the narrator to put his camera away.

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(e) Re-read paragraph 6 ('Words and images ... place in humanity.').

Using your own words, explain the effects of seeing the aurora on the narrator.

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Read **Text C, *Night-time photography***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 2(a)–(d)** on this question paper.

Question 2

(a) Identify a word or phrase from the text which suggests the same idea as the words underlined:

(i) The narrator decided on a very straightforward decision.

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(ii) The narrator was taking greater interest in the surrounding area because it was night-time.

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(iii) The moon ascended slowly and quietly.

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(iv) The narrator felt heat coming from a car.

..... [1]

(b) Using your own words, explain what the writer means by each of the words underlined:

I turned into a quiet and deserted residential street, from which I could hear the low hum of the distant main road. A train rushed past. I stopped to listen to its receding sound, and then followed along in its wake, feeling energised.

(i) deserted [1]

(ii) receding [1]

(iii) energised [1]

- (c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests the feelings of the other photographer.

Use your own words in your explanation.

A fellow enthusiast hurried past. He nodded quickly and smiled: 'Just over there. Amazing colours behind the trees. I think you'll catch them.' He scurried ahead. I could see he too was following the train-line. He seemed preoccupied. I hoped I would catch up with him later.

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