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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1123/02

Paper 2 Reading

For Examination from 2011

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions in **both** Section 1 and Section 2.

You are recommended to answer the questions in the order set.

The insert contains the two reading passages.

Mistakes in spelling, punctuation and grammar may be penalised in any part of the Paper.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

Note: This specimen paper shows the assessment objective from the syllabus for each question – this information may not appear on the actual question paper.

This document consists of **8** printed pages and **1** insert.



Section 1: Reading for IdeasFor
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Read Passage 1 in the insert and then answer **all** the questions below.

R3: scan and analyse: identify required information

1 (a) Notes

Identify and write down the advantages and disadvantages of television, as described in the passage.

USE ONLY THE MATERIAL FROM PARAGRAPH 2 TO PARAGRAPH 5 INCLUSIVE.

At this stage, you need NOT use your own words. To help you get started, the first point in your column of notes is done for you. You will be awarded up to 15 marks for **content** points.

MAIN POINTS
Advantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>World news is relayed to us within minutes.</i>
Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>TV is sometimes blamed for breakdown of family life.</i>

[15]

R4: main ideas: fact/opinion

2 From paragraph 3, select and write down **one** fact and **one** opinion.

One fact is [1]

.....

One opinion is

..... [1]

R4: main ideas: conclusion

3 Which of the following statements is correct? Tick the box you have chosen.

The writer is for television.

The writer is against television.

The writer is undecided about television.

[1]

R4: main ideas: personal response

4 We can let television 'be a force for good in the world' (line 50). From your **own** knowledge or experience, suggest **two ways** in which this might be possible. Do **not** refer to specific examples from the passage in your answer.

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..... [2]

Section 2: Reading for Meaning

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Read Passage 2 in the insert and then answer **all** the questions below.

From Paragraph 1:

R1: explicit meaning

5 How was Fatimah feeling as she sat in the airport lounge?
..... [1]

6 What was the 'threat' given by the parents to their two sons?
..... [1]

R2: implicit meaning

7 What two aspects of the parents' behaviour show that they were reluctant to discipline their sons?
(i) [1]
(ii) [1]

R2: implicit meaning

8 How did Fatimah feel when the handsome young man looked up from the book he was reading?
..... [1]

From Paragraph 2:

R1: explicit meaning

9 Why was Fatimah going to Perth?

..... [1]

R2: explicit meaning

10 How did Fatimah's sister take advantage of her salary as 'a newly qualified doctor'?
Answer in your own words.

.....
.....
..... [2]

R1: explicit meaning

11 'A battle of words' had taken place when Rashidah tried to persuade Fatimah to make the trip to Perth. Pick out and write down the **single** word from the paragraph which reinforces this idea.

..... [1]

From Paragraph 3:

R1: explicit meaning

12 Rashidah is 'sure of herself'. Pick out and write down the **single** word used earlier in the paragraph which reinforces this idea.

..... [1]

From Paragraph 4:

R2: explicit meaning

13 'Fatimah assumed a composure which she in no way felt'. Explain **in your own words** what this tells us about her behaviour.

.....
..... [2]

R1: explicit meaning

14 Fatimah was 'dismayed' after she almost tripped over the badly behaved boys. What **two** reasons did she have to be 'dismayed'?

(i) [1]

(ii) [1]

From Paragraph 5:

R2: implicit meaning

15 Fatimah had 'yet another passport check'. What point about airline travel do you think the writer is trying to convey by the use of the word 'yet'?

..... [1]

16 Explain fully why, according to the writer, Fatimah 'could not help thinking of her sister'.

.....
..... [2]

R1: explicit meaning

17 Explain **in your own words** what the 'proud boast' of the airline was.

.....
..... [2]

R1: explicit meaning

18 Why could Fatimah 'hardly believe her eyes'?

..... [1]

From the whole of Passage 2:

R1: explicit meaning

19 Choose **five** of the following words. For each of them give **one** word or short phrase (of not more than **seven** words) which has the same meaning that the word has in the passage.

- distract (paragraph 1, line 1)
- boon (paragraph 3, line 18)
- invariably (paragraph 3, line 21)
- irritable (paragraph 3, line 21)
- from time to time (paragraph 4, line 23)
- apparently (paragraph 4, line 27)
- flicked (paragraph 5, line 36)
- charged (paragraph 6, line 39) [5]

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