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## FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/12

Paper 1 Reading

February/March 2020

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. Blank pages are indicated.



Read **Text A, *National Doctors' Day***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)–(e)** on this question paper.

**Question 1**

(a) What is meant to be the purpose of National Doctors' Day?

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

(i) 'their contribution to individual health' (lines 2–3):

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..... [2]

(ii) 'to reflect on the wellbeing of doctors' (lines 3–4):

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..... [2]

(c) Re-read paragraph 2, ('Doctors suffer ... patients too.').

Give **two** ways in which the physical and emotional effects of burnout might affect doctors' attitudes to their work.

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- ..... [2]

(d) Re-read paragraphs 3 and 4, ('Doctors have ... and training.').

(i) Identify **two** ways in which hospitals could make things better for doctors.

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- ..... [2]

(ii) Explain why doctors can find it hard to ask for help.

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(e) Re-read paragraph 5, ('Perhaps if ... difference?').

**Using your own words**, explain why some people could think that National Doctors' Day is not worthwhile.

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Read **Text B, A Dream Job**, in the insert and answer **Question 1(f)** on this question paper.

**Question 1**

(f) According to Text B, what are the attractions and challenges of being an MSF doctor?

You must **use continuous writing** (not note form) and **use your own words** as far as possible.

Your summary should not be more than 120 words.

**Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 5 marks for the quality of your writing.**

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Read **Text C**, *This is going to hurt*, 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) Adam did not recall making an informed, planned choice to become a doctor.

..... [1]

(ii) When he was training, the idea that he would become a doctor gave Adam the motivation to achieve what he set out to do.

..... [1]

(iii) Once he had completed his training at medical school, Adam was looking forward to applying what he had learned.

..... [1]

(iv) Adam found working as a doctor during the daytime extremely boring.

..... [1]

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

Night shifts were an unrelenting nightmare. At night, you're given a paging device affectionately called a bleep, and responsibility for every patient in the hospital. All of them.

(i) unrelenting ..... [1]

(ii) affectionately ..... [1]

(iii) responsibility ..... [1]

- (c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests how difficult it is for Adam to deal with his patients.

**Use your own words in your explanation.**

It's a 'build-your-own-burger' of symptoms layered on conditions layered on diseases. You're a one-man, mobile, essentially untrained A&E department, reviewing an endless stream of worryingly sick patients who, twelve hours earlier, had an entire team of doctors caring for them. It's sink or swim – you have to learn to swim because otherwise a tonne of patients sink with you.

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Re-read **Text C**, *This is going to hurt*, in the insert and then answer **Question 3** on this question paper.

**Question 3**

Imagine you are Adam. After reading your diaries, you **write a letter** to your parents reflecting on your time in medicine and your decision to quit:

In your letter you should explain:

- why you went to medical school and what medical training was like
- the challenges involved in working on the wards as a junior doctor and how you felt about the job at the time
- why you felt you had to give up and your feelings as you look back now.

**Write the words of the letter.**

Base your letter on what you have read in **Text C**, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the three bullet.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

**Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 10 marks for the quality of your writing.**

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