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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Reading

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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.
- 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 the reading passages.

This document has **8** pages.

- 2 Re-read paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 and write down **one** piece of **advice** given by the writer from each of these paragraphs.

Paragraph 2

..... [1]

Paragraph 4

..... [1]

Paragraph 5

..... [1]

[Total: 25]

Section 2: Reading for Meaning

Read **Passage 2**, *A Retirement Adventure*, in the insert and answer **all** the questions below.

From paragraph 1

- 3 (a) What decision had the writer’s son ‘expected’ his parents to make?
..... [1]
- (b) The writer’s son was ‘about to be proved wrong’. In what way was he ‘about to be proved wrong’?
..... [1]

From paragraph 2

- 4 (a) In what **two** ways was life at first ‘a delightful repetition of the holiday’ they had once spent on the island?
 - (i)
.....
 - (ii)
..... [2]
- (b) ‘The bay spread out at eye-level around us.’ Why do you think the bay was at ‘eye-level’ around them?
..... [1]
- (c) The writer and his wife would have to ‘endeavour to gain approval’. Explain **in your own words** what they would have to do.
.....
.....
..... [2]

From paragraph 3

5 (a) The writer was 'glad there was a hospital on the mainland'. What did he think might happen?

..... [1]

(b) In what **two** ways did the couple show they were 'puzzled'?

(i)

.....

(ii)

..... [2]

From paragraph 4

6 (a) The writer says, 'it always looked as though someone had rearranged the route'. What had happened to give this impression?

..... [1]

(b) Which short phrase tells us that the writer and his wife were succeeding in their determination to become real islanders?

..... [1]

From paragraph 5

7 (a) The café owner acted as a kind of 'impromptu counsellor'. Explain **in your own words** how the café owner acted.

.....

.....

..... [2]

(b) Why do you think the café owner 'chatted about this and that' before asking people why they had come to see him?

..... [1]

(c) When customers nodded a greeting to the writer and his wife, the other customers 'always' noticed. Give **one** word used earlier in the paragraph which conveys the same meaning as 'always'.

..... [1]

8 From paragraphs 1–5

For each of the words and phrases below, circle the letter (A, B, C or D) which has the same meaning that the word or phrase has in the passage.

(a) **objected** (line 5)

A suggested B noticed C preferred D complained [1]

(b) **striking up** (line 15)

A starting B hitting C continuing D hearing [1]

(c) **regular** (line 24)

A popular B generous C frequent D normal [1]

(d) **tactic** (line 32)

A fear B plan C wish D point [1]

(e) **wary** (line 38)

A scared B cautious C curious D tired [1]

9 Re-read **paragraphs 2 and 4**, which contain phrases describing scenes in (i) the restaurant (ii) the street.

Explain:

- the **meaning** of each phrase as it is used in the passage
- the **effect** of each phrase as it is used in the passage.

(a) 'all heads swung towards us' (line 12)

Meaning:

.....

Effect:

..... [2]

(b) 'Shafts of gold' (line 27)

Meaning:

.....

Effect:

..... [2]

[Total: 25]

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