www.dynamicpapers.com

OXFORD
INTERNATIONAL
AQA EXAMINATIONS

Please write clearly in block capitals.

Centre number | | | | | | Candidate number | | | | |

Surname _____

Forename(s) _____

Candidate signature _____

INTERNATIONAL GCSE
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Reading Paper

Thursday 7 November 2019 07:00 GMT Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

Materials
You will need no other materials.

Instructions
- Answer **all** questions in **English**.
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

For Examiner's Use	
Question	Mark
1–6	
7–14	
15–21	
22–32	
TOTAL	

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Text 1 Email

Read the first part of this email from Hassan to Chen.

Answer questions **01** to **03**.

From: Hassan
Subject: Volunteering

Hi Chen

1 It was lovely to meet you in Riyadh last week. I arrived back in London at 10 pm yesterday – it took me eight hours to get home. I've spent the last few days reading my emails and have heard back from the three charities that I told you about.

2 After a lot of thought, I have decided to do some voluntary work with Water Everywhere. They are a global charity based in Texas and they send volunteers to parts of the world that haven't got enough clean water. The volunteers help by installing water pipes.

3 I will start working with them in September. First, I'll meet up with some other volunteers from England then go to the training camp in Nigeria. I can't wait! Why don't you come?

Tick (✓) the box next to the correct answers for questions **01** to **03**.

0 1 How many hours did it take Hassan to get home?

[1 mark]

A Three ☐

B Eight ☐

C Ten ☐

0 2 What is the **main point** of **paragraph 2**?

[1 mark]

A To tell Chen about clean water. ☐

B To tell Chen about water pipes. ☐

C To tell Chen about the charity. ☐

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

0 3 Where is the training camp?

[1 mark

A England ☐

B Nigeria ☐

C Texas ☐

Turn over for the next question

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Read the second part of the email.

Answer questions **04** to **06**.

4 During the training process, which lasts two weeks, I'll learn how to install water pipes. The good news is that I'm not going alone. Do you remember meeting my three friends last week? Jack has said he is definitely going to the camp, and Tim too. Emma is probably going as well. But what I really want is for you to come!

5 Please say you will. It'll be a lot of fun, but more importantly, we will be helping people who really need it. I'd love to meet up again. Please apply, but hurry – there are only four places left!

Hassan

Tick (✓) the box next to the correct answers for questions **04** to **06**.

0 4 How many weeks does the training last?

[1 mark]

A Two ☐

B Three ☐

C Four ☐

0 5 Which of these people are definitely going to the training?

[1 mark]

A Jack and Tim ☐

B Tim and Emma ☐

C Hassan and Chen ☐

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

0 6 What is the **main purpose** of the email?

[1 mark

A To describe Hassan's travels. ☐

B To persuade Chen to apply. ☐

C To explain the training process. ☐

6

Turn over for the next question

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Text 2 My Grandfather

Read Maz's account of her grandfather.

Answer questions **07** to **10**.

My Grandfather, by Maz

1 Recently, I was asked by my teacher to give a talk to the class about my hero. I didn't have to think for very long at all before I chose someone. 'Who will you talk about?' asked my friends. 'My grandfather,' I replied. Some of them laughed a little. I think they thought I was going to mention a sports player or a writer. But I told my class that without doubt, the person I look up to most of all is my 86-year-old grandfather, a shopkeeper. He is a man who never let life beat him. This is what I told the class.

2 My grandfather was born in Mumbai in the last century and grew up in extreme poverty. When he was 13, he left home to find a better life. He lived for a while in a tent, but by the time he was 26 he'd started a business in the backstreets of Mumbai selling cheap fruit and vegetables. At 29, he'd fallen in love with my grandmother. All of this happened before he was 30.

3 But something even more dramatic happened in the years ahead. One day, as he crossed the street, he was struck by a car. Luckily, he survived. Unluckily, he lost his right leg. He could have given up on life, but he was, and still is, as strong as a bull. After he left hospital, he went back to work. Sometimes he used crutches, sometimes a wheelchair, but he continued working six days a week.

0 7 What job does Maz's grandfather do?

[1 mark]

0 8 Name **two** things Maz's grandfather did between the ages of 12 and 30.

[2 marks]

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

0 9 Which of these statements best describes the **main point** of **paragraph 3**?

Tick (✓) the box next to the correct answer.

[1 mark]

A To describe Maz's grandfather's accident. ☐

B To show how Maz's grandfather carried on with his life. ☐

C To explain that Maz's grandfather used crutches and a wheelchair. ☐

1 0 How old is Maz's grandfather when Maz gives her talk?

[1 mark]

_____

_____

Turn over for the next question

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Read the second part of Maz's account.

Answer questions **11** to **14**.

4 My first memory of my grandfather is from when I was 4. He was a bit frightening. He seemed like a giant to me – a giant with a large moustache and loud laugh. As I grew older, he became my favourite grandparent. I would go to his house after school, and while my grandmother made cakes I would sit with him and read or watch TV. Sometimes, he would bring out the collection of photographs he had and tell me a little about himself.

5 One of the best photographs was of him as a 28-year-old man. In the photograph, he had just climbed out of a swimming pool. He was a strong man and stood there posing for the camera, like a huge, dripping tree. It was only a few weeks after the picture was taken that he met my grandmother.

6 Now that he is an older man, he's slowed down a little. He only works two days a week in his shop. It's now a much bigger shop and he has lots of people working there. He says he doesn't want me to work in the family business. I'm not sure – it looks quite good fun. Besides, I'd like to work with my hero – the man who never let life beat him.

1 1 Below is a list of statements about the information given in **paragraph 4**.

Two of the statements are correct.

Tick (✓) the boxes next to the **two** correct answers.

[2 marks]

A Maz's grandfather had a large beard. ☐

B Maz and her grandfather watched TV together. ☐

C Maz was frightened of her grandfather at first. ☐

D Maz's grandmother made sandwiches. ☐

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

1 2 In **paragraph 5** the writer uses the phrase 'like a huge, dripping tree'.

In your own words, explain what this phrase means.

[2 marks]

1 3 Below is a list of statements about the information given in **paragraph 6**.

Two of the statements are correct.

Tick (✓) the boxes next to the **two** correct answers.

[2 marks]

A Maz's grandfather is still as busy he always was. ☐

B The shop is only open on Monday and Tuesday. ☐

C Maz's grandfather would like Maz to have a different career to him. ☐

D Maz would enjoy working in her grandfather's shop. ☐

1 4 What is the **main purpose** of the text?

Tick (✓) the box next to the correct answer.

[1 mark]

A To explain why Maz admires her grandfather. ☐

B To discuss different types of careers. ☐

C To describe the grandmother and grandfather's relationship. ☐

12

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Text 3 **Working in London**

Read the first part of the article.

Answer questions **15** to **17**.

1 Walk around the glorious capital city of England and you will find many sights to thrill you. London is a treat for the senses. I was really excited to have been offered my dream job here, but the capital was so busy: the army of Londoners are many. Would I succeed? After a horrible plane journey I landed in London, unsure of what to expect.

2 Thankfully, there were plenty of new colleagues who were willing to help. My job was working with Smash, a media firm based in Chelsea, West London, founded in 2017 by Mel Sharpe. My job would be in their brand new office. When my plane touched down at Heathrow, I felt so nervous about the year ahead, but I tried to focus on the many benefits that this job would bring. Obviously, it would allow me to earn money. Jobs also bring a sense of self-esteem and I knew it would help me make a new group of friends.

3 There are many different types of jobs available at Smash. Some are jobs which involve travel, eg meeting clients or delivering flyers, but most are office based. For some of these jobs, people are offered a six-week training period before they start. If help is needed with relocation costs, Smash will contribute. At present, there are just under 30 people working here. Most are female. Next year, the firm wants to open an office in Paris.

Tick (✓) the box next to the correct answers for questions **15** and **16**.

15 In **paragraph 1**, it states that 'the army of Londoners are many'.

Select the statement below which best explains this.

[1 mark]

A People who live in London are unhappy. ☐

B London is an exciting place to live. ☐

C There are lots of people who live in London. ☐

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

1 6 In **paragraph 2**, the writer explains some of the benefits that his job would bring.

Which one of the following is **not** given as a benefit?

[1 mark]

A It helps with self-esteem. ☐

B It gives you new work skills. ☐

C It allows you to earn money. ☐

1 7 In **paragraphs 2** and **3**, the writer gives information about Smash.

Pick **four** of the statements below which are correct.

Tick (✓) the boxes next to the **four** correct answers.

[4 marks]

A All jobs have a six-week training period. ☐

B More than 30 people work at Smash. ☐

C Some jobs at Smash involve travel. ☐

D Mel Sharpe founded Smash in 2007. ☐

E The firm wants to open a new office in the future. ☐

F Smash is based in Chelmsford. ☐

G Smash can help with costs for relocation. ☐

H There are fewer males than females working at Smash. ☐

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Read the second part of the article.

Answer questions **18** to **21**.

4 I got a bit of a shock when I arrived at their brand new office. The place had just opened – it wasn't quite finished, but the energy was incredible: staff rushed about with clipboards; a brightly dressed lady talked loudly to a client over the phone; people tapped furiously at computers; walls were being painted. It was so busy.

5 I must admit, I felt bewildered. But on my second day, I met Jez. He was in charge of print media at their new office. He had been working around the clock and was the opposite of what I imagined a media type to look like: dirty, unshaven, and a little frightening at first glance. But Jez was a man with a heart of gold beneath the grubby exterior.

6 Jez was incredibly kind. When he talked to me, he explained things carefully and patiently listened to my reply. When I told him about my nightmare plane flight, he sympathised. He offered thoughtful advice and helped with some computer problems I was having. He was, in short, a friend, even though we had just met. He treated all of the workers as equals. He seemed upbeat, in spite of the tiring nature of his job.

7 As I got to know Jez during the course of the week, I asked him how he got involved with media work but he gave little away. He was a good man; a fascinating man who, by the time my first week ended, had become a firm friend.

1 8 From **paragraph 4**, list **four** things that the writer describes about his visit to Smash's new office.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

1 9 In **paragraph 5**, the writer says that Jez had 'a heart of gold beneath the grubby exterio

In your own words, explain what this phrase means.

[3 marks]

2 0 From **paragraph 6**, select **four** words or phrases that show Jez's positive qualities.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

2 1 In **paragraph 7**, the writer suggests that Jez doesn't want to explain how he got involved with media work.

Write down the **phrase or sentence** from the text that shows this.

[1 mark]

_____

_____

18

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Text 4 In Search of Olives

Read the first part of this article.

Answer questions **22** to **23**.

In the following passage, the writer is travelling around the Mediterranean researching for her book about olive trees. Muhammad is her guide. They have a driver with them.

1 In the density of night, the vast expanse of crystal stars glimmered in a black sky, like a blanket drawn over us. I loved the desert, its immensity, its silence, save for the wind and the flicking of beasts' tails. But I did not love the frustration I felt towards my guide, Muhammad.

2 Some of the towns we passed through were dirty. The air was almost brittle. I could grind it between my teeth. Diesel belched from lorries and buses. Butchered meat hung in the heat, blackened by flies. In ancient Persia, sesame oil was used to protect the meat. I wondered if they used anything like that here.

2 2 In **paragraph 1**, the writer says 'stars glimmered in a black sky'.

In your own words, explain what this phrase means.

[2 marks]

2 3 In **paragraphs 1** and **2**, the writer describes things which are annoying or unpleasant.

List **four** of these things below.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Turn over for the next question

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE
ANSWER IN THE SPACES PROVIDED

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Read the second part of the passage.

Answer questions **24** to **28**.

3 Occasionally, I called out that I would like to stop, to walk about, take photographs, but Muhammad grew impatient and told the driver to keep moving. Onwards we went, penetrating the desert, travelling the roads in the solid old Mercedes car, similar to my husband Michel's dusty, blue 1972 model back at the farm.

4 The similarity of the car to my husband's helped me feel closer to him. We had not spoken in days due to impossible communication access. I felt so far from him, so far from my life and all that I held dear. Although I pined for him, I was not unhappy. Quite the reverse.

5 Whenever it was possible, I kept the car window open and I felt the wind burning me, drying me up, shrivelling my skin to an old prune. I lived in my thoughts, staring out at the sea of sand. Nothing on the roads until a lorry rattled by, then emptiness again.

6 Occasionally, we drove by a small group squatting in the middle of nowhere. If I waved, they did too. What were they doing? How had they arrived there? Then we would encounter their goats and a donkey, sorry-looking, flea-bitten creatures, flicking sand flies away from their ears, wearied by their journeys.

2 4 Read **paragraph 3** and choose the **two** correct statements.

Tick (✓) the boxes next to the **two** correct answers.

[2 marks]

A The writer wants to talk to local people. ☐

B The driver is impatient. ☐

C They travel through the desert. ☐

D The car is not new. ☐

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

2 5 In **paragraph 4**, the writer says 'The similarity of the car to my husband's helped me fe closer to him.'

In your own words, explain what this phrase means.

[2 marks]

2 6 In **paragraph 4**, the writer says 'Although I pined for him, I was not unhappy.'

What does this mean?

Tick (✓) the box next to the correct answer.

[1 mark]

A She misses her husband yet isn't sad. ☐

B She is happy to be apart from her husband. ☐

C She is sad and misses her husband. ☐

2 7 What is the **main point** of **paragraph 5**?

Tick (✓) the box next to the correct answer.

[1 mark]

A To describe the weather conditions on the journey. ☐

B To describe how difficult and boring the journey is. ☐

C To describe the types of vehicles on the road. ☐

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

2 8 In **paragraph 6**, the writer describes some animals.

List **three** details about the animals.

[3 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Turn over for the next question

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE
ANSWER IN THE SPACES PROVIDED

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Read the third part of the passage.

Answer questions **29** to **32**.

7 We passed through another desert town; I never found out its name; a place where watermelons were for sale at the roadsides; where donkeys, cars and carts with long-bearded men transporting everything from fruits to fridges jostled for passage; where the streams of women purposefully treading the streets were covered head to foot in black. Nothing was exposed, not so much as an eyelash.

8 Muhammad said it would be risky for me to get out of the car. When I pressed for an explanation, he refused. "Please can I stop for a rest then?" "No." Low-voiced instructions were given to the man at his side, as though I understood. We inched forward negotiating the messy traffic. I was itching to jump from the car.

2 9 In **paragraph 7**, list **four** things the writer notices about people in the town?

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

3 0 In **paragraph 8**, what **two** things does Muhammad **not** allow the writer to do?

[2 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 1 In **paragraph 8**, the writer mentions 'negotiating the messy traffic'.

In your own words, explain what this phrase means.

[2 marks]

_____

_____

_____

_____

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

3 2 Which statement best describes the whole text?

Tick (✓) the box next to the correct answer.

[1 mark]

A A story about conflict between people from different cultures. ☐

B A description of different ways of travelling. ☐

C An account of the positive and negative aspects of a journey. ☐

24

END OF QUESTIONS

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

There are no questions printed on this page

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE
ANSWER IN THE SPACES PROVIDED

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Question number	**Additional page, if required.** **Write the question numbers in the left-hand margin.**

www.dynamicpapers.com

Do not write outside the box

Question number	**Additional page, if required.** **Write the question numbers in the left-hand margin.**

Copyright information

For confidentiality purposes, all acknowledgements of third-party copyright material are published in a separate booklet. This booklet is published after each live examination series and is available for free download from www.oxfordaqaexams.org.uk.

Permission to reproduce all copyright material has been applied for. In some cases, efforts to contact copyright-holders may have been unsuccessful and Oxford International AQA Examinations will be happy to rectify any omissions of acknowledgements. If you have any queries please contact the Copyright Team.

Copyright © 2019 Oxford International AQA Examinations and its licensors. All rights reserved.