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## ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/23

Paper 2 Comprehension

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- 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 all the resources referred to in the questions.

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This document has 8 pages.



Section A

Read the material for Section A in the insert before answering the questions in Section A.

- 1 (a) With reference to the Background, identify the Royberts' **two** aims for their much-needed family break.

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[1]

- (b) Considering the advantages, explain why the Royberts might choose Beautiful Breaks.

Do **not** refer to Finton's Farm Tour.

Answer in continuous prose.

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(c) Explain **three** reasons why Martina and Diego would be **less** likely to choose Finton’s Farm Tour.

Do **not** refer to Beautiful Breaks.

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(d) Explain why Lucas might like to visit Finton’s Farm Tours.

Do **not** refer to Beautiful Breaks.

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(e) Referring **only** to the conversation:

(i) explain what you learn about Martina’s character that is negative

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(ii) explain why Diego could be described as family-orientated.

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(f) In your opinion, state **two** reasons why people need quality family time.

Do **not** repeat material from Section A.

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(g) In your opinion, explain what the philosopher George Santayana meant when he said, ‘The family is one of nature’s masterpieces.’

Do **not** repeat answers from **1(f)**.

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[Total: 25]

**Section B**

**Read the material for Section B in the insert before answering the questions in Section B.**

**2 (a)** With reference to the material:

**(i)** identify the reason why *Polarstern* and its crew spent nearly a year in the Arctic

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**(ii)** identify why this expedition made history.

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**(b)** According to Esther Horvath:

**(i)** state what she decided to do when she returned from her first Arctic assignment

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**(ii)** state why MOSAiC was different from her other polar expeditions.

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(c) Explain how the participants trained for the expedition (lines 15 to 21).

Answer **in about 50 words**.

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(d) Explain why the author found participating in the firefighting training so difficult (lines 22 to 27).

Answer **using your own words** as far as possible.

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(e) Identify the **three** problems which needed to be solved during the sea survival training.

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(f) With reference to the material:

(i) explain why photographing was difficult for the author **and** how she overcame the issue problem.....

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(ii) explain why the author’s final day as polar bear guard was particularly demanding on her eyes.

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(g) Describe what the author did when the orange signal shot into the air (lines 50 to 55).

Answer in about 20 words.

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(h) State the **exact** meaning of the following **two** words as they are used in the material:

(i) unsteady (line 39)

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(ii) vigilant (line 59).

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(i) In your opinion, explain the benefit to people of experiencing extreme challenges.

Do **not** repeat material from Section B.

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[Total: 25]

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