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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/23

Paper 2 Comprehension

October/November 2024

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. 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.

This document has **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.





(c) Explain **two** reasons why Lydia, Max's mother, might prefer a wedding reception at the family farm.

reason 1

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reason 2

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(f) Explain **one** reason why a wedding reception at The Beauville Hotel might be Carla and Max's preferred option.

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(g) With reference to the phone conversation **only**, explain why Henry might be having doubts about Carla's engagement.

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Section B

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

2 (a) Identify **two** different language features used to capture the reader’s attention (lines 1–5).

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(b) Identify the **exact word in the material** that means the following:

(i) superficial (lines 3–9)

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(ii) visible (lines 10–15)

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(iii) flourished (lines 42–47)

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(iv) possibility (lines 42–47).

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(c) Explain how using fire transformed life for early humans (lines 20–27).

Answer in about 30 words.

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(d) **Using your own words** as far as possible, state the meaning of the following **five** phrases as they are used in the material:

(i) the talk was relatively mundane (line 28)

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(ii) devoted to complaints about group members (lines 29–30)

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(iii) some were funny, others exciting (line 31)

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(iv) contained information about social behaviour (line 32)

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(v) visited for help during times of hardship (lines 33–34).

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(e) Explain how having a campfire encouraged cooperation between early humans (lines 36–41).

Answer **in about 30 words**.

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(f) In your opinion, suggest **one** way fire could occur naturally in the environment of early humans.

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(g) (i) Contrast the effects on volunteers when they watched a video of a campfire and a static upside-down image of a fire.

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(ii) Identify another factor that affected blood pressure in the same experiment.

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(h) Explain the possible link between watching flickering flames and dramatic scene-cuts in movies.

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(i) In your opinion, suggest **one** example of a negative effect of watching television.

Justify your choice.

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

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