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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/11**

Paper 1 Reading

**May/June 2021**

**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. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Read **Text A, Bicycle touring**, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)–1(e)** on this question paper.

### Question 1

(a) Give the **three** reasons people go bicycle touring, according to paragraph 2.

- *Pleasure* .....
- *Adventure* .....
- *pleasure* ..... [1]

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

(i) 'fund-raising venture' (line 5):

*This is a project to collect money for a good cause.* ..... [2]

(ii) 'broad spectrum' (line 7):

*A wide selection or having a variety* ..... [2]

(c) Re-read paragraph 3 ('People of all ages ... air.').

Give **two** reasons why bicycle touring might particularly appeal to people who want to improve their physical health.

- *Bicycle touring build fitness* .....
- *an opportunity to breathe fresh air.* ..... [2]

(d) Re-read paragraphs 4 and 5 ('The good news ... before dark.').

(i) Identify **two** things you should do when training for your bicycle tour.

- To set realistic goals
- Carry the spare gear that you plan to travel with. [2]

(ii) Explain why camping rather than staying in hotels during your tour can slow down your progress.

- (a) there is need to carry more gear - heavy.
- (b) One spends time looking for a suitable spot.
- (c) It becomes less easy to recover by each day. [3]

(e) Re-read paragraph 6 ('Bicycle riders ... home.').

Using your own words, explain why some people might not want to go on a bicycle tour.

- (a) Bicycle tour can be perceived as a threat
- (b) Cyclists can be treated badly by the stranger they meet.
- (c) There are higher chances of something bad happening or being badly injured in the course. [3]



Read **Text B, Is cycle touring right for you?**, in the insert and answer **Question 1(f)** on this question paper.

### Question 1

- (f) According to Text B, what are the various attractions of cycle touring?

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.**

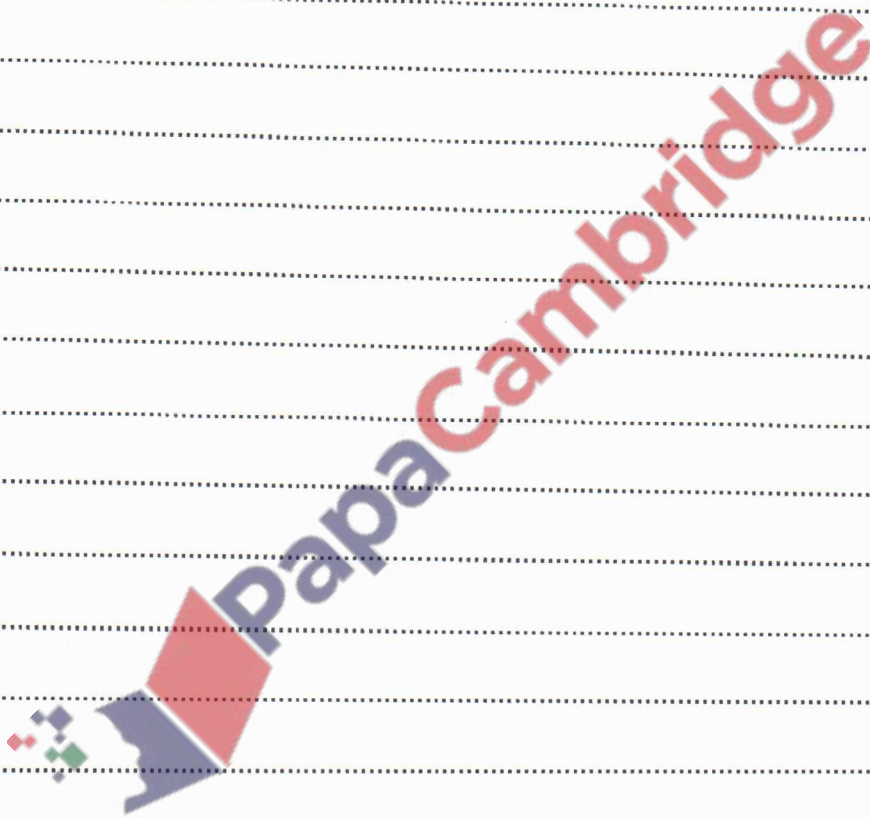
There are various attractions in the course of cycle touring. It's a romantic way to travel and it offers independence from work routines. One gets to see the world and have opportunities to relax.

While on tour one meets and talks to locals. The riders prove what they are capable of physically. There is adventure and excitement as one sees animals that would otherwise not be seen while in a car. There are small villages to see while other cyclists give help and thereby create a camaraderie.

Food lovers experience unusual foods in the town in all the new places. These tastings are in many of the local places visited.

The riders also get unequivocal experiences of unexpected discoveries that are not even in the guidebooks especially those mark-points that are left out in the maps like old tracks in the middle of nowhere.

All these are attractions to behold of cycle touring.



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Read **Text C, Into the sunrise: cycling the world, part 2**, in the insert and then answer **Questions 2(a)–2(d)** on this question paper.

### Question 2

2 (a) Identify a word or phrase from the text which suggests the same idea as the words underlined:

(i) Chris mended the broken bicycle.

fixed ..... [1]

(ii) Vivian only stopped briefly when she talked.

barely paused for breath while talking. ..... [1]

(iii) Vivian had adopted the solution of pushing her bicycle along.

resorted ..... [1]

(iv) Vivian and Chris met up with their hosts for the evening.

rendezvoused ..... [1]

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

After more walking / cycling we closed the day making camp by Lake O'Hara. I'd found a great spot with inspirational views of snowy peaks. Vivian seemed concerned about wildlife, particularly bears: 'I've been camping on petrol station forecourts.'

'Are you serious?'

'Yes. I decided it was safer.'

Vivian wasn't exactly happy but began to erect her tent and unpack. I did the same, somewhat faster, then cooked us dinner on my trusty stove. Vivian's stove was one of the many things she'd thrown away.

(i) closed ..... ended the days activity ..... [1]

(ii) wildlife ..... animals, creatures ..... [1]

(iii) erect ..... pitch, build ..... [1]

- (c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests his thoughts and feelings that evening.

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

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'Are you serious?'

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The walking and cycling show the writer is unimpressed by Vivian's approach of things. As he cycles she decided to just walk. The writer is enthusiastic about the scenery, "I found a great spot with inspirational views of snowy peaks." He can't believe that she survived as he incredulously suggested (w, 'Are you serious?'. He thinks that Vivian is having many errors and therefore is critical of her decisions, 'One of the many things.' [3]



(d) Re-read paragraphs 18 and 24.

- Paragraph 18 begins 'I woke next morning ...' and is Chris' description of Vivian's attitude.
- Paragraph 24 begins 'For weeks ...' and is about the changing landscape.

Explain how the writer uses language to convey meaning and to create effect in these paragraphs. Choose **three** examples of words or phrases from **each** paragraph to support your answer. Your choices should include the use of imagery.

Write about 200 to 300 words.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer.

The writer <sup>in Paragraph 18</sup> uses language to convey meaning and to create effect. He uses strong verb, "wails" to show a prolonged high pitched cry. The emphatic 'No, my i-phone' shows the desperation of something that happened to their phone. He uses the onomatopoeia 'Eww, a slug' to suggest that she didn't like the sight of the slug, yet the slug was on its back. The verb, "inspired" shows that she was amused and entertained to the course.

The use of the term 'City-girl' meant to depict her lack of association with the countryside also suggest that she is spoilt as she was 'plucked out of her comfort zone' and found herself in unfamiliar territory and finds herself out of her usual control.

The adjective "conquering" in the text suggests that she was overcoming her challenges and was able to cope with the new unfamiliar circumstances.



The suggestive phrase, "thrust into the alternative universe" shows that she landed in a completely unfamiliar place and that her living is propelled by 'other' forces.

The build up suggesting the supercharging routers signifies a "boost" of heroic action

In Paragraph 24 the contrasts of the excitement of the new landscape shows the unremitting, unbending highways denoting a hard travel with no break.

The uninteresting and monotonous landscape is also contrasted as "now empty green scenery". It is now both uninteresting and uninspiring because it is "mind-numbingly boring." Not until they came to a point where some change of scenery started to appear "finally spot trees".

Both consider it a great accomplishment and a success to have this "significant achievement."

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Re-read **Text C, Into the sunrise: cycling the World part 2**, in the insert and then answer **Question 3** on this question paper.

### Question 3

You are Vivian. Several months after completing your journey you have written a book about the experience. You are interviewed for a television show to promote your book.

The interviewer asks the following three questions only:

- Can you tell us about the early part of your journey and the kind of difficulties you faced?
- Part of your journey was travelling with Chris – what benefits and drawbacks were there for each of you in travelling together?
- You finished your journey alone – why was that? How do you think the journey changed you?

**Write the words of the interview.**

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

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.**

It was difficult for Vivian in her early part of her journey. She lacked essentials like food and water and this was due to the fact that she was ill prepared. She had encounters with wildlife and had to avoid them at all costs. This posed potential danger. She had bike problems and when it broke, she had to push it to the visitor centre without a clue of how it would be mended.

Vivian had to carry equipment and at one point had to throw away her sleeping mat and stove because she struggled to carry them, only opting to remain with the necessary equipment only.

He reminisces the slow progress during her initial days due to lack of fitness and endurance.

Vivian travelling with Chris had many benefits. She was offered assistance at the visitor centre and her bike got fixed and some food was given to her.

She was able to learn and be corrected because this long distance cycling was new to her. With Chris's guide, she is able to choose better campsites with great inspirational views of snowy peaks. She was initially slower than Chris but was now

Catching up. She enjoyed the company by looking together which worked well. The mobile equipment became a plus because Chris was not used to technology but had the portable stove which they mutually used for their benefit. What she was not good at, Chris was a substitute and vice versa.

Vivian decided to continue solo because Chris wanted to cycle separately, this annoyed her because she thought they had become friends and teammates.

Chris' attitude was overbearing and had different views. She had become fitter and faster and her experience had grown. He confidently to adapt to the surrounding, independently worked for her and being alone now is not a bother.

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