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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.

Section 1: Reading for Ideas

Read Passage 1, Salt, in the insert and answer all the guestions below.

1 (a) Notes

Identify and **write down** the ways in which salt was important in former times and the ways in which salt is important in modern times, as outlined in the passage.

USE MATERIAL FROM THE WHOLE PASSAGE.

At this stage, you do **not** need to use your own words. Use note form. To help you get started, the first point in each section of notes is done for you. You may find it helpful to use bullet points when listing the content points.

You will be awarded up to 12 marks for content points.

Content Points

Ways in which salt was important in former times

•	could preserve food
Wa	s in which salt is important in modern times
•	necessary requirement in our diets
	[12]

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(b) Summary

Now use your notes from 1(a) to write a summary of the ways in which salt was important in former times and the ways in which salt is important in modern times, as outlined in the passage.

Use your own words as far as possible. You will be awarded marks for producing a piece of writing which is relevant, well organised and easy to follow.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (**not** note form). You are advised to write between **150** and **180** words, including the 10 words given below.

Begin your summary as follows:
Salt became an important commodity in former times as it

-read paragraphs 4 and 5, and write down one piece of advice given by the writer in paragraph 4, d two pieces of advice given by the writer in paragraph 5.
ragraph 4
[1]
ragraph 5
[1]
ragraph 5
[1]
[Total: 25]

Section 2: Reading for Meaning

Read Passage 2, A Summer Job, in the insert and answer all the questions below.

From	paragraph	1
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3	(a)	Why	was it natural for the writer to go to the doctor's wife to ask for a summer job?	
	(b)	Give	e two reasons why the writer describes her summer job as 'good news'.	
		(i)		
		(ii)		
				[2
	(c)		writer's 'mood didn't change' when she spoke to her mother. Why might her mood haged?	ıave
Fro	m pa	ıragra	ph 2	
4	(a)	Why	do you think that the writer says she had a 'thousand things' in the canvas bag?	
	(b)	Give	e two reasons why the writer 'went home exhausted every evening'.	
		(i)		
		(ii)		
				 [2

From paragraph 3

5	"uneasily, she ventured" to say a few words to the girls. Explain in your own words how Marisa is behaving here.							
			[2]					
Fro	m pa	ragraph 4						
6	(a)	'unwillingly,' Marisa led Linda away. Which one word used later in the paragraph repeathis idea of 'unwillingly'?	ats					
	(b)	'Marisa was holding Linda who was crying.' What caused Linda to cry?	[1]					
	(c)	Why were Linda's sisters 'looking elsewhere'?						
Fro	m pa	ragraph 5						
7	(a)	What had happened to Linda was in 'no way worthy of the commotion' she was making Describe in your own words Linda's reaction.	ng.					
	(b)	Which one word used in the paragraph tells us it wasn't easy to calm Linda down?	[2]					
	()		[1]					
Fro	m pa	ragraph 6						
8	Wh	y do you think the doctor's wife decided that 'there was no need' for the writer anymore?						
			[1]					

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9 From the whole passage

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

(a)	satisfy (line 1) A comfort	В	please	С	distract	D	help	[1]
(b)	embraced (line 6) A approached	В	surrounded	С	pushed	D	hugged	[1]
(c)	scorching (line 10) A tropical	В	rising	С	flaming	D	brilliant	[1]
(d)	simply (line 37) A plainly	В	cheerfully	С	confidently	D	instantly	[1]
(e)	customary (line 40) A ordinary	В	traditional	С	familiar	D	usual	[1]

10 Re-read paragraphs 2 and 5, which contain phrases about (a) the beach and (b) the writer's reaction to what happens to Linda.

Give:

- 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)	'the lazy sea shimmered' (line 10)
	Meaning:
	Effect:
	[2
(b)	'I tore the child from Marisa's arms' (line 32)
	Meaning:
	Effect:

[Total: 25]

[2]

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