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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Reading Passages (Core)

February/March 2018

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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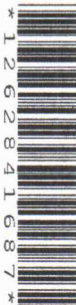
DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passages for use with **all** questions on this Question Paper. The Reading Booklet Insert is **not assessed** by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.



Read carefully **Passage A, The mountain lake**, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Questions 1 and 2** on this Question Paper.

Answer all questions using your own words as far as possible.

Question 1

- (a) State **two** features of the walk which made it difficult for the narrator to reach the mountain lake (paragraph 1, 'There is a lake ...').

- The ground was water logged so this made it difficult to walk up the mountain.
- The climb was difficult and made them exhausted they had to stop every now and then. [2]

- (b) Using your own words, explain what the narrator can see as he faces the open country (paragraph 1, 'There is a lake ...').

The narrator can see the expansive fertile countryside which is divided by River Shannon and many small and large lakes. [2]

- (c) Which four-word phrase in paragraph 1 suggests that the water in the tiny streams cannot be seen by the narrator (paragraph 1, 'There is a lake ...')?

'well beyond our vision.' [1]

- (d) Re-read paragraph 2. Using your own words, give **two** reasons why the narrator says the mountain lake is difficult to find (paragraph 2, 'The mountain lake is not easy to find ...').

- It is difficult to find because you have to go up a mountain to find it which is unnatural.
- Also, it is sometimes hidden by thick fog which makes it invisible. [2]

- (e) Re-read the sentence, 'Scientists suggest that fewer physical differences are to be expected in a small population long isolated from others.' (lines 19–20).

The brown trout are similar in appearance. **Using your own words**, explain what reasons scientists give for this similarity (paragraph 3, 'This isolated lake is fed ...').

The brown trout are similar in appearance because they have been separated from other fish for a long time and they are relatively a small number of trout. [2]

- (f) Re-read paragraph 5, 'To celebrate Leo's first trout ...'

Using your own words, explain what the narrator says about his experience of painting the trout.

The narrator says the painting is not the best. The colours of the scales ^{of the trout} are probably close but he could probably explain its beauty better than paint it. [2]



(g) (i) Re-read the passage. **Using your own words**, explain what the writer means by the words underlined in the following quotations:

1. '... the brown trout, to cruise the dark waters undisturbed.' (lines 13–14)
2. '... the brown trout always rise freely, as though to reward us for the effort ...' (lines 25–26)
3. '... admiring the varnished scales of Leo's first trout ...' (line 29)

Word underlined: Cruise

Meaning of the word underlined: Swim in a leisurely manner [1]

Word underlined: Freely

Meaning of the word underlined: It means voluntarily [1]

Word underlined: Varnished

Meaning of the word underlined: This means polished and shining [1]

(ii) Explain **how** the language in **each of the quotations in Question (g)(i)** helps to suggest the appearance and behaviour of the brown trout. You should refer to the whole quotation in your answer, not just the word underlined.

Explanation:

The trout swim leisurely and relaxed like passengers taking life easy without any interruptions [2]

Explanation:

The brown trout seem like they are happy to be caught, the volunteer to come up [2]

Explanation:

Leo's first trout is shining and seems perfect or crafted like a polished picture or piece of art [2]

[Total: 20]

Question 2

Imagine that you are Leo, the narrator's son in Passage A. You have decided to write a journal entry, describing the fishing trip to the mountain lake with your father.

Write your journal entry.

In your journal entry you should:

- describe the sights and sounds of the mountain and lake
- describe how you felt when you caught your first trout
- explain how these experiences have influenced your attitude to the natural world.

Base your journal entry on what you have read in Passage A, but do not copy from it. Be careful to use your own words. Address each of the three bullet points.

Begin your journal entry: 'I didn't know what to expect when I first saw the mountain lake ...'

Write about 200 to 300 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 5 marks for the quality of your writing.

I didn't know what to expect when I first saw the mountain lake. The climb up the mountain was a proper hike. I felt like giving up but dad pushed me onwards and promised I would be rewarded for my great efforts. First of all, a lake up a mountain? I thought my dad was losing it. It is very unusual to find a lake uphill. The ground was waterlogged making the climb that much harder. We had to stop every now and then and when we did, we turned around to see the beautiful countryside full of small and large lakes. I thought to myself why not just fish down there. However, after what seemed like eternity, we finally appeared at the lake. It was smaller than I expected and the waters were dark. We got

cut our fishing rods and set up. Just as soon as we had set up, the trout started to sprout from the lake. They were effortless to catch and enough I caught on. I was so excited I jumped up and down. It was a tiny fish with shiny scales I was so proud of myself. I smiled from ear to ear. My dad even made a painting of my first fish that I ever caught. It wasn't Picasso standards but oh well, it will have to do. I hated that I had to return it into the water but I would have hated myself more if we took it home and ate it.

The trip has taught me to appreciate nature more I have resolved to taking adventures every now and then for as long as I live, who knows what I will stumble upon. Nature and the whole earth generally, is very beautiful and very rewarding if explored. I am sure I will love my expeditions in future.

Read carefully **Passage B, A life-changing decision**, in the Reading Booklet Insert and answer **Question 3(a)** and **(b)** on this Question Paper.

Question 3

Answer the questions in the order set.

(a) Notes

What are John Treagood's essential daily needs **and** the difficulties he faces in maintaining his lifestyle, according to **Passage B**?

Write your answers using short **notes**. Write **one point per line**.

You do not need to use your own words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer.

What are John Treagood's essential daily needs and the difficulties he faces in maintaining his lifestyle?

- He needs a horse and a caravan.
- He needs somewhere to keep his caravan.
- He needs income.
- He needs water and food.
- He needs entertainment / music.
- He faces freezing temperatures.
- Doesn't claim his pension.
- He slipped and fell breaking his arm.
- Had to travel a long way to get help.
- He hadn't switched on the mobile phone.

[10]

(b) Summary

Now use your notes to write a summary of what **Passage B** tells you about John Treagood's essential daily needs **and** the difficulties he faces in maintaining his lifestyle.

You must use **continuous writing** (not note form) and use your own words as far as possible.

Your summary should include all 10 of your points in **Question 3(a)** and must be 100 to 150 words.

Up to 5 marks are available for the quality of your writing.

John Treagood since starting to travel all over England has a few needs. They include a horse which he got and a caravan which he built himself to keep his belongings. He identified a piece of land which is a wasteland to keep his horse and his caravan. He does odd jobs like trimming hedges just to get a bit of income but most of the food he eats, he collects from the land e.g. vegetables and berries. He collects 10 litres of water each day, 5 litres for his horse and 5 litres for him. Like any other human being he needs entertainment and has a radio to listen to music. He has faced many difficulties like harsh freezing temperatures. He never claims his pension although he is entitled to it. He is also very old and one day he slipped and fell breaking his arm. He didn't seek help for 3 days but finally walked 7km to go and get help from a friend. He also has a phone which he hasn't switched on and would have [5]

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3b

helped him during the emergency.

