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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/21

Paper 2 Reading Passages (Extended)

May/June 2014

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

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 the Question Paper. The Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

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

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This document consists of **11** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** Insert.

1 Imagine you are Mrs Wilkie.

Write a letter to the Public Health Department of the city, demanding that ‘Sammy’s Place’ be shut down.

In your letter you should write about:

- your concerns about the conditions at the hostel
- the mis-management of the hostel
- the likely consequences of allowing the hostel to stay open.

Base your letter on what you have read in Passage A. Address all three bullet points. Be careful to use your own words.

Begin your letter:

‘Dear Public Health Officer
I am writing to alert you to a health and safety hazard ...’.

Write between 1½ and 2 sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 5 marks for the quality of your writing.

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[Turn over for Question 2]

2 Re-read the descriptions of:

- (a) the dormitory in paragraph 5, beginning ‘Her dormitory was actually rather unpleasant ...’;
- (b) Mrs Wilkie in paragraph 8, beginning ‘Later that evening, Sacha suddenly became aware ...’.

Select words and phrases from these descriptions, and explain how the writer has created effects by using this language.

Write between 1 and 1½ sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting.

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

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3 Summarise:

- (a) the reasons why travellers might use hostels, as described in **Passage B**;
- (b) what back-packers may appreciate about Sammy's Place, as described in **Passage A**.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (full sentences; not note form). Use your own words as far as possible.

Aim to write no more than one side in total, allowing for the size of your handwriting. Write your response on the lines provided on page 9.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 5 marks for the quality of your writing.

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