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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/11**

Paper 1 Reading Passages (Core)

**October/November 2016**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

**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 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.

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

Read carefully **Passage A, *The Mountain Pass***, 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) **Using your own words**, give **two** reasons why the narrator decides to drive carefully (paragraph one, 'For a little time...').

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(b) Which **one** word in line 7 suggests the narrator wants to drive more quickly?

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(c) (i) **Using your own words**, give **two** details that make driving easier for the narrator (lines 14–16).

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(ii) State **two** ways in which the narrator's feelings change (lines 16–22).

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(d) **Using your own words**, explain what the narrator means by: '...and surely, in this clear air, my fears that had arisen during the night would be defeated' (lines 21–22).

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(e) Give **two** details that the narrator suggests led to his crash (paragraph five, 'I had grown...').

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(f) Complete parts (i) and (ii) to answer **Question 1(f)**.

(i) Re-read paragraph two ('In spite of my ... I ever spent').

**Using your own words**, explain what the writer means by the word underlined in **three** of the following phrases:

- (a) 'skidded and side-slipped' (line 9)
- (b) 'grazed the edge of the gorge' (line 10)
- (c) 'It was far more exasperating' (line 10)
- (d) 'the weariest hours I ever spent.' (line 13)

Phrase selected: **(a), (b), (c) or (d)** .....

Meaning of the word underlined: .....

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Meaning of the word underlined: .....

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(ii) Explain how the writer conveys the difficulty of driving down the mountain road through the use of language in **each of the phrases you have chosen in Question 1(f)(i)**.

You should refer to the **whole phrase** in your answer.

Phrase selected: **(a), (b), (c) or (d)** .....

Explanation: .....

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Phrase selected: **(a), (b), (c) or (d)** .....

Explanation: .....

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Phrase selected: **(a), (b), (c) or (d)** .....

Explanation: .....

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[Total: 20]

**[Turn to page 6 for Question 2]**

**Question 2**

Imagine you are the narrator of the events in **Passage A**. When you return home you are interviewed by a local radio station about your experiences on the journey to help your friend.

**Write the words of the interview.**

In your interview you are asked the following three questions only:

- What was particularly difficult about your journey through the mountains?
- Can you explain how the car crash happened?
- What did you do to help your friend?

Base your ideas 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 answer with the first question: Interviewer: What was particularly difficult...

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.**

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Read carefully **Passage B, A Guide to Surviving Hurricanes**, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Question 3(a)** and **(b)** on this Question Paper.

**Question 3**

**Answer the questions in the order set.**

**(a) Notes**

What do you learn about the characteristics of hurricanes **and** how to protect yourself against them, 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.**

<p><b>The characteristics of hurricanes <u>and</u> how to protect yourself against them:</b></p> <p>1 .....</p> <p>2 .....</p> <p>3 .....</p> <p>4 .....</p> <p>5 .....</p> <p>6 .....</p> <p>7 .....</p> <p>8 .....</p> <p>9 .....</p> <p>10 .....</p> <p>[10]</p>
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