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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/13

Paper 1 Reading

October/November 2020

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. Blank pages are indicated.

Read **Text A, *Space travel***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)-(e)** on this question paper.

Question 1

(a) Give **two** examples of the ways in which the Sun and Moon have been viewed, according to paragraph 2.

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- [1]

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

(i) 'reflect humorously' (lines 8–9):

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- [2]

(ii) 'Improbable narratives' (line 9):

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- [2]

(c) Re-read paragraph 4 ('Despite fictional excitement ... a flight of fancy.').

Give **two** reasons why space travel became more likely in the twentieth century.

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- [2]

(d) Re-read paragraphs 5 and 6 ('However, since ... government cash.').

(i) Identify **two** reasons why probes have been an advantage to space exploration.

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- [2]

(ii) Explain why humans have not so far been to Mars.

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(e) Re-read paragraph 7 ('Whether by public ... twenty-first century.').

Using your own words, explain why there is a good chance that humans will land on Mars in the twenty-first century.

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Read **Text C, *An incredible journey***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 2(a)–(d)** on this question paper.

Question 2

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

(i) Max and Helmuth had great hopes for their journey.

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(ii) The sun was very hot and strong.

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(iii) The radiator overheated and made a high-pitched noise.

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(iv) Max and Helmuth were buried in deep and unhappy thoughts.

..... [1]

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

Our weight was at the root of our whole problem. ‘We’ll have to downsize,’ I said. ‘We’ll have to jettison some of our luggage.’

(i) root [1]

(ii) whole [1]

(iii) jettison [1]

- (c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests the feelings of the men about camping out in the open on this particular night.

Use your own words in your explanation.

At eleven o'clock we gratefully pitched camp. Sleeping on camp beds in the open with the gentle warm breezes caressing our faces was wonderful.

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Re-read **Text C**, *An incredible journey*, in the insert and then answer **Question 3** on this question paper.

Question 3

Imagine you are Helmuth from **Text C**. Straight after the evening that you and Max pitch camp, you write a letter to your mother.

In your letter you should comment on:

- the most enjoyable parts of your journey so far **and** why they were enjoyable
- the challenges you and Max faced **and** how you overcame these challenges
- the problems you foresee for the rest of the trip **and** how you might have been better prepared for them.

Write the words of your letter.

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

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.

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