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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH (US)

0524/23

Paper 2 Reading Passages (Extended)

May/June 2018

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Center 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 Reading Booklet Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

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

This document consists of **12** printed pages and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

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

Question 1

Imagine you are Safeena.

Write your journal entry for the day after the argument with Nawaz.

In your journal entry you should comment on:

- how and why Harris came to be staying with you **and** how you felt about it initially
- the effects Harris’s stay has had on your life and relationships
- the different ways in which the situation might now be resolved for the benefit of everybody.

Base your journal entry on what you read in Passage A, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the three bullet points.

Begin your journal entry, “Things surely cannot get much worse . . . ”

Write about 250 to 350 words.

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

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Question 2

Re-read the descriptions of:

- (a) Harris’s behavior and the reaction to it in paragraph 13, beginning “Within days Harris . . . ”
- (b) Safeena’s attitude and Harris’s reaction to it in paragraph 14, beginning “He was forbidden by Safeena . . . ”

Select **four** powerful words or phrases from each paragraph. Your choices should include imagery. Explain how each word or phrase is used effectively in the context.

Write about 200 to 300 words.

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

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Read carefully **Passage B, *Loneliness***, 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 listed.

(a) Notes

What are the causes of loneliness, according to **Passage B**?

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

You do **not** need to use your own words.

Up to 15 points are available for the content of your answer.

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