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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/23

Paper 2 Comprehension

May/June 2019

1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- 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.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

This document has **8** pages. Blank pages are indicated.

Section A

Read the material for Section A in the insert before answering the questions in Section A.

- 1 (a) Explain which **one** holiday the Jensen family should choose, considering the advantages and at least **one** disadvantage. You should concentrate on your chosen holiday and **not** refer to the other two holidays.

Answer **in about 100 words** using continuous prose.

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Section B

Read the material for Section B in the insert before answering the questions in Section B.

2 (a) Describe **three** features of Petrov’s typical working day in the Serpukhov-15 base.

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(b) Identify evidence in the material to suggest Petrov and his team of computer operators panicked when the system indicated a missile had been launched from the USA.

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(c) Explain the meaning of the following phrases as they are used in the material. You may write each answer in one word or a short phrase.

(i) ‘jaunty strains’ (line 5)

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(ii) ‘money got tight’ (line 56)

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(d) Explain what you think the author means by:

(i) 'Small wonder that, when it was over, he felt wrung out.' (line 44)

Answer in about 30 words.

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(ii) 'in such febrile times, one rooster crowing was likely to set off all the others in the village.'
(lines 48–49)

Answer in about 30 words.

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(e) Compare the treatment of Petrov by his bosses at the time of the incident and by those people in the West after 1998.

Answer in your own words as far as possible.

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(f) State **three** pieces of evidence from the material to explain why Petrov ‘was often tetchy with reporters’. (lines 61–62)

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