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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/11**

Paper 1 Reading Passage (Core)

**May/June 2012**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Reading Booklet Insert

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

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

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**Question 1**

Read carefully the passage *My Tutor Kralesky* in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer all the questions.

(a) Kralesky lives in an apartment in a large house. Give **two** details from paragraph one (Kralesky lived ...) about the outside of this house.

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(b) Give **two** details from paragraph one (Kralesky lived ...) which show that Gerry was not over keen on visiting his new tutor.

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(c) Which phrase in lines 13–14 tells you that Kralesky is both good-natured and correct in his behaviour?

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(d) Re-read paragraph two (I decided ...). Choose **three** phrases used by the writer which describe Kralesky's strange appearance and character.

Explain how each of these phrases helps to convey this sense of eccentricity.

Phrase: .....

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(e) Explain, **using your own words**, Gerry's reaction to Kralefsky's comment about how they must become friends (line 24).

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(f) Give **two** reasons why Kralefsky decided to take Gerry to see his birds before they started the lesson.

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(g) Explain the writer's deliberate contrast in the phrase 'gates of Paradise in the grubby corridor' (line 40).

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(h) Explain, **using your own words**, what the writer means by

(i) 'exclaimed rapturously' (line 22)

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(ii) 'volunteered modestly' (line 33)

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(iii) 'danced nimbly' (line 48)

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- (i) Re-read the final paragraph. Write a summary of what you have learnt about the inside of Kralefsky's apartment.

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Write a paragraph of about 50–70 words.

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**Question 2**

Imagine you are Gerry. When you get home you tell your older brother about your lesson with Kralfesky. You should tell your brother:

- what your impressions of Kralfesky are
- what you found amazing about the attic
- what you think your future lessons with Kralfesky will be like.

**Write the account of the conversation between Gerry and his brother.**

Begin your account: 'Well, it looks as if Mum's found another interesting character to teach me ...'.

You should base your ideas on what you have read in the passage, but do not copy from it.

You should 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, and up to 10 marks for the quality of your writing.**

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