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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH (US)

0524/23

Paper 2 Reading Passages (Extended)

May/June 2015

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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 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, *Dream Home***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Questions 1 and 2** on this Question Paper.

1. You are Sunitra’s father.

Write a letter to your own parents—Sunitra’s grandparents—asking them for financial help with the project to buy land and materials for your new home.

In your letter:

- describe the place you have found **and** why it is perfect for you
- persuade your parents that there are benefits for Sunitra, despite her objections
- suggest what the other attractions are of this plan to move **and** how you imagine life will be.

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

Begin your letter, “Dear Mom and Dad, Finally we have found the perfect plot on which to build our dream home . . .”

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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[Turn over for Question 2]

2. Re-read the descriptions of:

(a) the view from the trailer window in paragraph 2, beginning “She glanced out of the trailer window . . .”;

(b) the weather **and** the stream in paragraph 7, beginning “Last night the wind . . .”.

Select **four** powerful words or phrases from **each** paragraph. Your choices should include imagery. Explain how each word or phrase selected 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, *Self-Build Homes***, in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Question 3(a)** and **(b)** on this Question Paper.

3. Answer the questions in the order set.

(a) Notes

Summarize the advantages **and** disadvantages of building a home for yourself 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.

<p>The advantages <u>and</u> disadvantages of building a home for yourself:</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>11.</p> <p>12.</p> <p>13.</p> <p>14.</p> <p>15.</p>

(b) Summary

Now use your notes to write a summary of what **Passage B** tells you about the advantages **and** disadvantages of building a home for yourself.

You must use **continuous writing** (not note form) and **use your own words** as far as possible.

Your summary should include all 15 of your points in **Question 3(a)** and must be 200 to 250 words.

Up to 5 points are available for the quality of your writing.

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