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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1128/02

Paper 2 Comprehension

WEDNESDAY

11 AUGUST 2021

1 hour 50 minutes

Additional materials: Insert

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, class and index number on all work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in the Question Booklet.

The Insert contains the texts for all the sections.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

FOR EXAMINER'S USE

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This question paper consists of **9** printed pages and **1** insert.

[Turn over

Section B [20 marks]

Refer to Text 2 on page 3 of the Insert for Questions 5 – 13.

- 5 In paragraph 1, suggest two ways in which Gina's new flat reminded her of Heaven.

.....[2]

- 6 In paragraph 2, why was Gina's attention captured by the long wall?

.....[1]

- 7 In paragraph 3, '...Gina's bones ached with *invisible* bruises' (lines 13).

Explain why the bruises were described as being 'invisible'.

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.....[2]

- 8 In paragraph 3, why did Gina compare her feeling to a 'first-day-of-school excitement' (line 14)?

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.....[1]

[Turn over

9 In paragraph 3, '...Stuart's bombshell, which, like an actual bombshell, had left a sort of miserable crater, where Christmas was supposed to have been.' (lines 17-19)

a) From the above description, what were the **two** main reasons why Gina was particularly affected by Stuart's departure?

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.....[2]

b) Explain what the 'crater' symbolises in the above description.

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.....[1]

10 In paragraph 5, the writer describes how the cardboard boxes created a 'crushing and claustrophobic' (line 28) feeling in Gina.

Explain how the language used emphasises Gina's feelings.

Support your answer with **three** details from the paragraph.

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.....[3]

11 In paragraph 6, the writer mutters to herself, '*Everything from the old house.*' (line 35)

Explain what the phrase suggests about Gina's attitude about her life?

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.....[1]

- 12 a) Explain why the description '...dive-bomb her good mood like seagulls' (line 38), is particularly effective in showing how Gina's mood was affected by her nerves.

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.....[2]

- b) Identify one other word in the same paragraph that conveys a meaning that is similar to 'dive-bomb'.

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.....[1]

[Turn over

- 13 The structure of the text reflects Gina's feelings when she was at her new flat. Complete the flow chart by choosing one word from the box to summarise the main feeling displayed in each part of the text. There are some extra words in the box you do not need to use.

Gina's feelings

resolute	annoyed	indifferent	desperate	stupefied	optimistic
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Flow chart

Paragraphs 1 & 2: (i)



Paragraph 5: (ii)



Paragraph 7: (iii)



Paragraph 8: (iv)

[4]



Josh

Don't be so negative! I believe that the future is full of advantages.

I don't think it's wise to have the house moving. It's too risky.



Ben

Section C [25 marks]

Refer to Text 3 on pages 4 - 5 of the Insert for Questions 14 to 19.

- 14 (i) In your own words, state what is causing the pressure on Arizona river?

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..... [1]

- (ii) What is ironic about the statement, "Less than an hour outside of America's fifth-largest city is a watery playground in a region known for a lack of water." (lines 2-3)

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..... [2]

- 15 "Yet their legacy, and even their descendants' ongoing presence, is just now beginning to be accurately understood." (lines 14 – 15)

- (i) What can you infer about the writer's tone from these lines?

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..... [1]

- (ii) Why does he feel this way?

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..... [1]

- 16 Who does "shoulders of giants" (line 16) refer to

..... [1]

- 17 Here is a part of a conversation between two students, Ben and Josh, who have read the article.



Ben

I don't think it's wise to have the horses roaming these areas.

Don't be so negative. I believe that the horses bring advantages



Josh

- (i) With reference to Paragraph 7, suggest two reasons for Ben's concerns.

.....
..... [2]

[Turn over

(ii) With reference to Paragraph 7, how can Josh support his view?

[1]

18 In your own words, state what is the main aim of the “debators” (line 55)?

[1]

19 Using your own words as far as possible, summarise the benefits the Salt river brings about.

Use only information from Paragraphs 2, 5 & 6.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (not note form). It must not be longer than 80 words (not counting the words given to help you begin).

The salt river brings about many advantages, it provides