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Section A [5 marks]

Refer to the online advertisement (Text 1) and the social media post (Text 2) on page 2 of the Insert for Questions 1 – 4.

1	Look at Text 1. Tick (✓) the most effective title for the image in this advertisement. <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Family fun at sea!</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Try a new sport!</td> </tr> <tr> <td>✓</td> <td>A tranquil getaway!</td> </tr> </table> [1]		Family fun at sea!		Try a new sport!	✓	A tranquil getaway!
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2	The advertisement states 'Just round up your friends' What does the word 'Just' suggest about renting a yacht? It suggests that renting a yacht is easy / simple / does not require much effort / hassle free. [1] X all / only thing the customers have to do is bring their friends (not excess) X everything is taken care of X not too troublesome / not much trouble X simple and quick (additional work cannot add a different shade of meaning) x as a first time - excess denies						
3	Identify the phrase in Text 2 which reflects the statement in Text 1 that readers can 'let us take care of the details.' '(was) fuss free and stress free' [1] spelling must be correct						
4	Look at Texts 1 and 2 and statements (a) and (b) below. Decide whether the statements refer to Text 1, Text 2, both texts or neither text. Circle the answer you have chosen for each statement. a. Readers are encouraged to rent a yacht. Text 1 / Text 2 / Both / Neither b. The text provides information on how readers can prepare for the yacht trip. Text 1 / Text 2 / Both / Neither [2]						

Section B [20 marks]

Refer to Text 3 on pages 3 and 4 of the Insert for Questions 5 – 15.

5	In Paragraph 1, why does Lauren almost miss her turn? [Literal]
	The (faded) sign is almost entirely obscured by (a trio of dogwood) trees heavy with blooms. [1] Excess Denies: the streetlight was flickering like a strobe – it is not clear that this causes her to not see the sign
6	In Paragraph 2, ‘Dove has barely said a word since they left home sixteen hours ago, other than to ask how much farther they have to go.’ (lines 6 – 7). What does Dove’s silence during the car ride suggest about how Dove felt? [Inferential]
	This suggests that Dove was unhappy / upset / angry / annoyed / felt reluctant to go on the trip / She was not enjoying the car ride / unwilling to go on the trip or be in the car / not interested in the trip / not looking forward to the trip / not enthusiastic about the trip . [1] X bored / restless / uneasy / lonely / discomfort / tired / not anticipating the trip / sad / sleepy
7	In Paragraph 2, the writer claims that the street Lauren is driving down is ‘pleasant and welcoming’ (lines 9 – 10). Explain how this claim is supported with reference to three pieces of evidence from Paragraph 2. Support your ideas with three details from Paragraph 2. [Proof of evidence/ Evaluation]
	‘neatly manicured squares of lawn’ suggests that all the lawns were <u>well-maintained</u> / orderly / organised / tidy, making them look appealing / nice / pleasing. [1] X should not include ‘eerily’ in the quote X lawns looked beautiful - doesn’t explain why X tidy and peaceful X <u>pleasant</u> to the eye or tidy and <u>welcoming</u> - must use another synonym to explain ‘smooth asphalt roads lined with streetlights’ shows that the street was easy to drive on / had no difficulties driving / well-lit. [1] ‘palm trees that sway in the evening breeze’ create a relaxing / calming / peaceful tranquil environment making the street appealing. [1] X relaxing nature - nature is not the same as the environment / surrounding weather was nice ? making it <u>welcoming</u>?

	'signs that say things like 'Welcome to Paradise' or 'I'm on vacation time' show that the street looked inviting / warm(th) / urging visitors to relax / visitors go there for a holiday. [1] X should not include 'casting shadows' in the quote X warmth and safety Any three.
8	In Paragraph 3, (a) why do you think the writer describes Lauren's mother's house as 'lonely' (line 18)? (b) Give one detail about the house from the paragraph to support your answer. [Inferential / Literal]
	(a) All the other houses had a car in the driveway and the television light flickering in the window, except Lauren's mother's house (which was neglected and unadorned). / It was uninhabited / abandoned / no one was living there (since her mother died). (b) The windows were shuttered. / 'windows shuttered' X excess denies if 'garden plain' is included X shattered [2]
9	How does Lauren know that her mother's house 'has not been completely neglected' (lines 20 - 21)?
	Someone has been tending to the landscaping / the lawn is freshly mown / the bushes have been trimmed (1) and the driveway has been (recently) washed (1).
10	In Paragraph 4, why do you think neither Lauren nor Dove moves when Lauren stops the car? [Inferential]
	They probably do not know what to do now that they have arrived / They do not want / are reluctant to enter the house as Lauren's mother has died / They were not looking forward to entering the house / They felt dread / uncomfortable / uneasy / uncertain / unsure / nervous at the idea of entering the house / They were unsure about what to expect [1] X They didn't know who was cleaning the house X No one was living there but someone had been tending the lawn. X They were stunned. X Not ready to get out of the car. X Not happy or excited
11	In Paragraph 4, Lauren remains in the car after parking. Explain how the language used in this paragraph highlights her discomfort as she stays in the car. Support your answer with two details from Paragraph 4.

	First mark: ‘(the cicadas are singing at a frequency that) works its way under Lauren’s skin like an itch’ shows that Lauren is highly irritated/annoyed by the sound of the cicadas. [1] X made Lauren feel uncomfortable/uneasy - not intense enough <i>Must be clear that the cicadas are the source of the irritation</i> Second mark: ‘it’s as if the weight of everything has settled on her chest, like a heavy lead ball’ highlights that Lauren feels burdened / trapped by her troubles / thoughts [1] <u>OR</u> ‘all she can picture is it rolling back over her’ shows that she feels burdened / trapped by her troubles / thoughts as though it is a heavy lead ball. [1] <i>Must make clear that it is as though the heavy lead ball is rolling over her.</i> accept overwhelmed by her emotions / emotional / shows how much pressure she is under (instead of burdened) X shows Lauren feels uncomfortable - not intense enough X crushed her Other possible point for either mark: Her ‘body buzzes with forward momentum, but there is nowhere else to go’ shows that she desperately wants to leave but can’t / at a loss of where to go.
12	In Paragraph 5, explain how we know that Lauren and Dove’s relationship is strained. [Literal]
	Lauren is fluent in Dove’s silences which shows that Lauren is used to Dove being silent around her. [1] (Detail can be rephrased to ‘They don’t talk to each other much...’) There are many unanswered questions that float between them which shows that they have a lot that they do not talk about. [1] Also accepted: Dove’s unspoken question / Dove does not ask any questions out loud showing that they are open and comfortable with each other. NOT ACCEPTED X ‘unspoken question’ shows that Lauren doesn’t have the answer to all of Dove’s questions - does not show the strain If the explanation for both are the same eg they were not communicating - 1 mark only
13	Why was Lauren ‘surprised’ (line 38)?
	She was surprised that the light (bulb) (still) worked. [1] X A dim bulb lit up the room / The dim bulb was functional

	X She didn't expect the light to work - not clear X the light switch worked								
14	'So <i>this is it</i>, she thinks. <i>This is where my mother spent her final days.</i>' (lines 43 – 44) What is Lauren's tone in these lines? [Language Impact]								
	Lauren's tone is one of disappointment. / She has a disappointed tone. [1] Accept the following as well: sad / sadness grief / grieving emotional sentimental sombre X upset X longing X disappointing tone X reflective X bittersweet X nostalgic X regret								
15	The structure of the text reflects Lauren's feelings at different stages of her journey to her mother's house. Complete the flowchart by choosing one word from the box to summarise her dominant feeling at each stage. There are some extra words in the box you do not need to use. [Evaluative] Lauren's dominant feelings <table><tr><td>anxious</td><td>reflective</td><td>putting on a front</td><td>overwhelmed</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>disappointment</td><td>exhausted</td><td>uneasy</td></tr></table> Flow chart Paragraph 1 relief ↓ Paragraphs 2 - 3 (i) uneasy ↓ Paragraphs 4 - 5 (ii)	anxious	reflective	putting on a front	overwhelmed		disappointment	exhausted	uneasy
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		overwhelmed	
		↓	
	Paragraph 6	(iii) putting on a front	
		↓	
	Paragraphs 7 - 8	(iv) disappointment	
			[4]
penalise for SP errors or WF errors			

Section C [25 marks]

Refer to Text 4 on pages 5 and 6 of the Insert for Questions 16 – 23.

16	According to Paragraph 1, a farm in an office building ‘pumps out greens, herbs and root vegetables’ (line 3). Which word in the same paragraph shows that the farm is busy with production? [Vocab – Quote]
	‘whirring’ [1]
17	In Paragraph 1, the writer questions, ‘When was the last time you picked up a strawberry and could confidently say you knew the farmer’s name?’ (lines 5 – 6) With reference to Paragraph 1, what will enable this to happen? [Literal]
	Growing food locally (in urban areas) will enable this to happen. / Bringing locally grown food to urban areas will enable this to happen. [1] X the point of view should not be the customers eg Buying locally grown food in urban areas...
18	According to Paragraph 2, why have office buildings become more and more redundant?

	The pandemic has shown that people are capable, and in some cases, in favour, of working in a remote setting. [1] If students include some info about how this was due to Covid 19 - not excess
19	With reference to lines 13 – 15, ‘With many folks...business.’ Why was there ‘looming frustration’? [Literal & Inferential]
	Many landlords, restaurants and small businesses rely on office commuters to sustain business (1) but there is a reduction in office commuters / increase in working from home (1). not nec to state increase / reduction must refer to all 3 - landlords, restaurants and small businesses
20	With reference to Paragraph 3, why would it not be ideal to turn office buildings into residential spaces? [Literal]
	It would be costly as most office spaces are laid out / structured differently from residential buildings. [1]
21	Here is part of a conversation between two students, April and Caleb, who have read the article. April  Indoor farming seems to be a significantly better option than traditional farming. Caleb  But, it sounds like there are some changes required of the infrastructure.
	(a) Give one example from Paragraph 5 that April can give to support her view. [Proof of Evidence] An indoor farm’s productivity is much higher than that of greenhouse crops. [1]
	(b) With reference to Paragraph 5, provide two examples Caleb could use to explain his position. [Proof of Evidence]

	(i) The inner envelope of buildings must be waterproofed to protect them from any mold. [1] (accept if no 'ed' in waterproofed) (ii) It is also necessary to equip grow rooms with proper ventilation (and LED lighting systems specially designed for growing plants). [1]
22	'That is something that is really precious.' (line 46) What is the writer's tone when he makes this comment? [How Language Achieves Impact]
	The writer uses a tone of amazement / awe / gratitude / gratefulness / appreciative / grateful tone / admiration He sounded appreciative / grateful [1] X hopeful / gleeful / passionate / encouraging
23	Using your own words as far as possible, summarise the benefits of urban agriculture in old office buildings. Use only information from Paragraphs 6 to 8. 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). There are several benefits of urban agriculture in old office buildings, including ...

	From Passage	In Your Own Words
1.	grow plants vertically and increase the growing area	a larger growing area as plants can be grown upwards,
2.	an indoor vertical urban farm can produce up to eight times more food	leading to the production of 8 times more food.
3.	well insulated, an existing building is significantly less expensive to heat than a double-walled glass greenhouse.	Also, a building is well-insulated and cheaper to keep warm than a greenhouse.
4.	consistent, year-round production without the uncertainties of climate or pests	A lack of weather-related issues and pests means there can be harvests all year.
5.	utilising 90 percent less energy and 98 percent less water than a traditional farm.	Urban farms also use significantly less energy and water, and
6.	vertical farming provides fresh produce in areas that have little food production or access to healthy foods Or fresh food to local communities.	they bring fresh food to locals.
7.	create new green jobs	They result in new types of employment
8.	they beautify spaces	and improve the aesthetics.
9.	more relevant in today's supply chain-constrained market	Furthermore, they are necessary in light of current supply-chain disruptions.
10.	urban farms contribute to microclimatic effects that help regulate city temperatures	Finally, they regulate the heat in cities
11.	and purify the air	and make the air cleaner.

There are several benefits of urban agriculture in old office buildings, including a larger growing area as plants can be grown upwards, leading to the production of 8 times more food. Also, a building is well-insulated and cheaper to keep warm than a greenhouse. A lack of weather-related issues and pests means there can be harvests all year. Urban farms also use significantly less water, and they bring fresh food to locals who do not have access to them. They result in new types of employment and improve the aesthetics. (76 words – 8 points)

1184 ENGLISH LANGUAGE GCE ORDINARY LEVEL SYLLABUS

Assessment Objective of Summary Writing in Paper 2: Identify main ideas and details as well as synthesise and summarise information.

Summary Style Band Descriptors	
Marks	
7	• Sustained and successful use of own words and structures • Consistently well organised ideas which convey the meaning of the text clearly and precisely
5–6	• Frequent and usually appropriate use of own words and structures • Mostly well organised ideas which convey the meaning of the text clearly
3–4	• Some use of own words and structures • Some attempts at organising ideas to convey the meaning of the text
1–2	• Occasional attempts at use of own words and/or structures • Attempts at conveying the meaning of the text
0	• No creditable response.