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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS A)

Paper 2 Comprehension

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

1 hour 50 minutes

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Answer all questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on the Question Paper.

The Insert contains the texts for all the sections.

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Section A [5 marks]

Refer to the newspaper advertisement (Text 1) and the extract from an article (Text 2) on pages 2-3 of the Insert for Questions 1-4.

- 1 In Text 1, what supports the claim that Mos Burger's products are exceptional?

[1]

- 2 Look at Text 2. Tick (✓) the phrase which best summarises its main purpose.

- ☐ to warn people about fast food consumption
- ☐ to evaluate the trend of fast food consumption
- ☐ to prove that fast food is healthier
- ☐ to persuade people to consume fast food

[1]

- 3 Look at Text 1. How does the image support the idea that the burger is "painstakingly sourced"?

[1]

- 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) The text suggests that fast food preparation is becoming healthier.

Text 1 / Text 2 / Both / Neither

- (b) The text discourages readers from consuming fast food.

Text 1 / Text 2 / Both / Neither

[2]

Section B [20 marks]

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

- 5 In Paragraph 1, when 'she bought clothes online, they always fit as if they had been made with her in mind' (lines 1-2).

What does this suggest about how the clothes fit Elaine?

[1]

- 6 From Paragraph 2, what **two** things did Elaine hate about her town?

(i) _____

(ii) _____

[2]

- 7 From Paragraph 3, what are **two** different topics the townsfolk are interested in?

(i) _____

(ii) _____

[2]

- 8 Look at Paragraph 3. Which **two** of the following phrases tell us how the people in the town were unrefined? Tick **two** boxes only.

'... Elaine hated it ...'

☐

'... their only interest ...'

☐

'... if the townsfolk had a little more sophistication ...'

☐

'... Football, hurling, volleyball, tennis ...'

☐

'... where she scowled ...'

☐

[2]

- 9 Some readers might say that Elaine preferred not to do sports. With reference to Paragraph 3, find evidence that supports this view.

Identify **three** quotations from Paragraph 3, and explain how each quotation provides evidence for this view.

Quotation	How the quotation supports the view that Elaine preferred not to do sports

[3]

- 10 In Paragraph 3, Elaine is likened to being 'at the bottom of a noisy, grunting ocean' (line 20). What does this description suggest about the gym class?

[1]

- 11 In Paragraph 4, Elaine detests nature for 'The way it kept *growing*? The way things, like crops or whatever, would die and then next year they *came back*?' (lines 23-25).

Why do you think the writer has chosen to use italics?

[2]

- 12 In Paragraph 5, 'I just want to live somewhere I can get good coffee and not have to see nature and everyone does not look like they were made out of mashed potato' (lines 26-28).

What do the phrases in the extract given above suggest about Elaine's feelings?

Phrase from Paragraph 5	Elaine's feelings
'I just want to live somewhere I can get good coffee'	
'everyone does not look like they were made out of mashed potato'	

[2]

- 13 From Paragraph 6, which sentence tells you that Cass and Elaine understood one another completely?

[1]

- 14 'Imelda – that was what she called Cass's mother, so casually and naturally that, after a while, Cass started doing it too. 'You are working those jeggings, Imelda', she would say. 'Oh, you think so?' Cass's mother would reply, and she would lean over with impossible willow-like grace to examine the back of her own thighs. 'I was not sure about the stripes.' 'The stripes are what make it', Elaine would say conclusively, and Imelda would look happy.' (lines 34-39)

Identify the words or phrases in the extract given above that correspond with the description.

Description	Matching words or phrases from the given extract
nonchalantly	
look critically at	
doubtful	
decisively	

[4]

Refer to Text 4 on pages 6-7 of the Insert for Questions 15-20.

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Paragraph 6

- [5]

- 16 From Paragraph 1, identify two factors that can persuade consumers to make a purchase.

[1]

- 17 From Paragraph 3, why do women prefer cool colours over men?

[1]

- 18 With reference to Paragraph 4, compare how consumers in different nations are likely respond to yellow and purple colours.

Consumers in North America: _____

Consumers in different regions: _____

[2]

- 19 From Paragraph 6, give a word that means the same as 'mismatched'.

[1]

Use only the material from Paragraphs 3 to 6 of Text 4.

One factor affecting colour perception is _____

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