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50 Marks

Additional Materials: Answer Paper / Insert

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, register number and class in the spaces at the top of this page.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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

Answer **all** questions.

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

The Insert contains the texts for all the sections.

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

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Section A [5 marks]

Refer to the advertisement (Text 1) and an extract taken from an online news commentary (Text 2) on page 2 of the Insert for Questions 1–4.

- 1 Look at the images in Text 1. What do the growing plants and financial planning visuals suggest about managing money?

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[1]

- 2 Look at Text 2. Tick (☐) the statement which best summarises the main idea of Text 2.

☐

Parents play the most crucial role in children's financial education.

☐

Games and mobile apps are the most effective tools for teaching financial literacy.

☐

Financial literacy requires collaboration from multiple sectors of society.

☐

Companies in Asia are leading the way in financial education initiatives.

[1]

- 3 Give one way in which the tone of Text 1 is similar to the tone of Text 2.

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[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 intended reader of the text is a young person.

Text 1 / Text 2 / Both / Neither

- (b) The text emphasises the importance of learning financial management.

Text 1 / Text 2 / Both / Neither

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Section B [20 marks]

Refer to **Text 3** on pages 3 and 4 of the Insert for Questions 5 – 14.

- 5 From Paragraph 1, which phrase shows that Skylar was familiar with mountain climbing?

..... [1]

- 6 From Paragraph 1, state **two** physical changes Skylar experienced at high altitude.

(i) [1]

(ii) [1]

- 7 In Paragraph 2, what was Skylar's family not able to do?

.....
 [1]

- 8 Explain why the phrase 'If I'm not there when you arrive, assume I didn't make it' (lines 9-10) is both a joke and not a joke.

It was a joke because

.....

It wasn't a joke because

..... [2]

- 9 What do the following words in italics from Paragraph 6 suggest about Skylar's and Sora's attitude to the situation?

Based on the following phrases in italics,	Skylar seems to be ...
'Skylar did his best to <i>protest...</i> ' (line 17)	
	while Sora seems to be
'Sora's focus was on Skylar's wellbeing, <i>not his pride.</i> ' (line 22)	

[2]

- 10 Some readers might say that Skylar was not in the best condition to continue the climb in Paragraph 6. With reference to Paragraph 6, find evidence that supports this view.

Identify **three** quotes from Paragraph 6 and explain how each quote provides evidence for this view.

Quotes	How each quote supports the view that Skylar was not in the best condition to continue the climb.

[3]

- 11 From Paragraph 7, give **two** reasons why Skylar thought that he was "in really good shape". (line 26)

(i) [1]

(ii) [1]

- 12 'It might have been the thin air playing tricks on him, but he could've sworn he heard the voices of his family calling him onward. He imagined their hands, cold but comforting, resting gently on his tired shoulders. Even when he stumbled, he felt them steady him. Skylar didn't consider himself spiritual, but in that moment, he could've sworn he felt them ascending on the fractured slopes.' (lines 29-33)

Identify the words or phrases from the extract given above that correspond with Skylar's description of how he felt his family's presence.

How he felt his family's presence	Matching words or phrases from the given extract
providing stability	
soothing touch	
sounds beckoning him	
climbing the mountain	

[4]

- 13 Which of the following extracts from Paragraph 8 tell us that Skylar could no longer suppress his emotions? Tick **two** boxes only.

'...he looked back...'

☐

'...gave a thumbs up to Sora...'

☐

'...he crawled to the peak...'

☐

'He fell to his knees...'

☐

'...and started laughing uncontrollably.'

☐

[2]

- 14 In Paragraph 8, what effect does the writer create by ending the passage with a question?

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[1]

Section C [25 marks]

Refer to **Text 4** on pages 5 and 6 of the Insert for Questions 16 – 19.

16 Read the text and match the paragraphs with the headings.

Write the correct letter (**A-G**). The first one has been done for you. There is **one other letter** you will not need to use.

DO NOT USE ANY LETTER MORE THAN ONCE.

	G
Paragraph 1	
Paragraph 2	
Paragraphs 3 - 4	
Paragraphs 5 - 6	
Paragraphs 7 - 8	
Paragraph 9	

- A** Seeking sustenance
- B** A pressing need to create awareness
- C** Methods used to navigate the waters
- D** Finding mates and reproducing
- E** Risks involved in marine migration
- F** Ensuring survival of the young
- G** Extraordinary travels of marine animals

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- 16 From Paragraph 1, which word suggests that some migrations have surpassed prior documented statistics?

..... [1]

- 17 (a) In Paragraph 2, what does the word 'feast' (line 9) suggest about the food available for whales?

..... [1]

- (b) Which other word mentioned in the same paragraph conveys a similar idea?

..... [1]

- 18 According to Paragraph 3, what conditions are conducive for the feeding and reproduction of whales?

(i) [1]

(ii) [1]

- 19 **Using your own words as far as possible**, summarise how marine animals find their way during migration and what dangers they face during these journeys.

Use only the material from paragraphs 5 to 8 of Text 4.

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

When migrating, marine animals use several navigation methods like.....

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