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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Sign the declaration.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 20.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Turn over ►



SECTION A

Read Text A and answer questions 1 – 7.

Text A

This website attracts your interest.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing 'www.therealbookclub.web' and a search bar with 'book clubs'. The browser's menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favourites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The website's main heading is 'The Real Book Club' in a large, stylized font. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with the following items: 'Home Page', 'How to find us', 'Contact details', 'Opening times', and 'Future events'. The main content area contains several paragraphs of text discussing the value of real books versus ebooks. At the bottom of the page, there are two images of open books. The first image shows the title page of 'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens, featuring a portrait of the author. The second image shows a page of text from a book with a large illustration of a man in a hat.

Home Page

Is the paper book becoming a thing of the past, like the compact disc (CD), because more people are now downloading books off the internet?

We at *The Real Book Club* are determined to keep the real book alive. For us a real book is printed on paper. The paper book has now been around for nearly 600 years since Johannes Gutenberg developed the printing press.

There are many advantages to real books. There is no better feeling than picking up a real book and actually turning the pages. You can easily flick back to a particular page in the book to check on some detail. You cannot do this with an ebook. Many people collect first editions or a series of books by a particular writer and then proudly display them on bookshelves. People also swap their books when they have read them or give them to charity shops. The list goes on!

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100 %

Answer questions 1 to 3 with a cross . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

- 1 The **main** purpose of this website is to:
- A describe the history of the printing press
 - B persuade the reader to buy ebooks
 - C explain why CDs are falling in sales
 - D argue that paper books are better than ebooks

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

- 2 Johannes Gutenberg developed the:
- A book press
 - B printing press
 - C ebook
 - D electronic reader

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

- 3 Which **one** of these statements about *The Real Book Club* is true?
- A Members believe there is no place for the ebook.
 - B The paper book has been around for 60 years.
 - C Members meet monthly to discuss the book of the month.
 - D Johannes is happy for you to send him comments.

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

4 According to Text A, what do people need to do to make sure that paper books continue to be printed?

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(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

5 List **two** features of Text A that help to present information.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 5 = 2 marks)

6 Your friend is thinking about whether to buy ebooks instead of paper books.

Using the information in Text A, identify **two** reasons why buying paper books is the right choice.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

1

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(Total for Question 6 = 2 marks)

7 A member of your family reads a lot.

From Text A, give **two** reasons why ebooks might be more suitable than paper books for this member of your family.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

1

2

(Total for Question 7 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 10 MARKS

SECTION B

Read Text B and answer questions 8 – 13.

Text B

Dave hands out this letter at *The Real Book Club* monthly meeting.

15 High Bank
Estrick
ES2 1EW

Secretary
The Real Book Club
Dickens Lane
Estrick
ES1 2AW

15th December 2012

Dear Dave,

I have decided to send you a letter rather than an email because I realise that you don't like using new technology.

There is no point in your 'burying your head in the sand'; you need to accept that ebooks are here to stay. I expect they will soon replace the old-fashioned paper books as the main way of reading.

The advantages of using this new technology are so obvious that I shouldn't have to mention them. On your website you state some of the good points of ebooks but you completely ignore the device you use for reading ebooks, which is the electronic reader.

The most important benefits of the electronic reader are that it's really light and portable and it stores hundreds of books. You can download books in seconds anywhere in the world as long as you have an internet connection. You can change the font size to make it easier to read. You can even add and remove notes on ebooks without damaging them.

I would also like to point out that there are other, less obvious, benefits of using ebooks. Think of all the space that paper books take up in people's houses. Think of the damage caused by trees being cut down to produce paper books. Think of the carbon footprint made by the transportation of all these books. Also, don't forget that at the end of their useful life your paper books have to be disposed of, probably at a landfill site. There is no carbon footprint made by downloading an ebook. I think it is time that members of *The Real Book Club* opened their eyes to the benefits of new technology.

I would be happy to discuss the new technology with you. Please contact me on 7960458.

Yours sincerely

Gary Marjoribanks

Answer question 8 with a cross in the box you think is correct. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

8 What is the **main** purpose of this letter?

- A to show the benefits of ebooks
- B to give information about downloading the ebook
- C to show how environmentally friendly the ebook is
- D to give Dave advice on buying an ebook

(Total for Question 8 = 1 mark)

Answer question 9 with a cross in the two boxes you think are correct. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

9 Identify **two** features from the list below that show that Text B is a letter.

- A use of 'Dear Dave'
- B paragraphs
- C bullet points
- D punctuation
- E use of 'Yours sincerely'
- F telephone number

(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)

10 Identify **two** things that Gary wants Dave to do about new technology.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)

11 A friend of yours is not sure whether to start using an electronic reader.

Using Text B, identify **two** benefits to encourage your friend to use an electronic reader.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 11 = 2 marks)

12 According to Text B, why does Gary send a letter rather than an email to Dave?

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)

13 Your friend still insists on buying paper books.

Using the information in Text B, identify **two** environmentally damaging effects of paper books to convince your friend to use ebooks.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

1

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(Total for Question 13 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 10 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 20 MARKS

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