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Component 2: Reading

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

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.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Read Text A and answer questions 1 – 7.

Text A

You read this article.

Plastic bag charge brings benefits?

Charges

Every year, billions of plastic bags are handed out by shops in England. Plastic can last for hundreds of years. Far too many bags lie scattered around our streets, causing litter problems that cost tax-payers millions of pounds to clean up. Since 2015, plastic bags have cost 5 pence in England. Small businesses with fewer than 250 employees do not have to charge customers 5 pence for bags. Similar charges in Ireland, Switzerland and Wales mean there is an 80% reduction in the number of plastic bags used in these countries.

On land, in water

Many plastic bags get caught in trees and hedges, harming wildlife. They pollute rivers and oceans. Plastic bags are brightly coloured or move in water and are often mistaken for food by animals. Animals, both on land and in water, can choke on bags. The small charge for plastic bags makes people think twice before throwing them away. Without a charge, the problem would get out of control, causing harm to our environment, animals and wildlife.

Be charitable

The 5 pence charged for each plastic bag in England follows the scheme in Wales, where shops give profits from this charge to charity. This helps charities to promote their good work. Shoppers can choose which charities get the extra money.

Use and re-use!

Articles like this one make people aware of the damage plastic bags can cause. So what can we do about it? We can say NO to plastic bags or be careful not to use too many and not to throw them away. Remember, plastic bags last a lifetime, so use and re-use them!



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Answer questions 1 to 3 with a cross in the box ☒. 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 article is to:

- A describe the colour and shape of new plastic bags
- B persuade shops to stop donating money to charities
- C ask shoppers to pay as much as they can for plastic bags
- D explain the advantages of the new plastic bag charge

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 According to Text A, plastic bag charges have:

- A reduced the money that charities receive
- B made people throw all plastic bags away
- C reduced how many plastic bags are used
- D made all businesses charge for plastic bags

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 According to Text A, which **one** of these statements is true?

- A Plastic bags now cost 5 pence each.
- B Profits have now increased by 80%.
- C Plastic bags last for under 10 years.
- D Profits are given to 250 employees.

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)



4 Using Text A, name **one** benefit that charities can get because of the plastic bag charge.

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

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(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

5 Paragraphs are one of the features of Text A that help to present information.

Name **two other** 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 does not understand how plastic bags harm the environment.

Using Text A, find **two** pieces of information about how plastic bags harm the environment.

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

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(Total for Question 6 = 2 marks)

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7 Your neighbour wants to use plastic bags sensibly.

Using information from Text A, give **two** pieces of advice about how he should use plastic bags.

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

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(Total for Question 7 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 10 MARKS

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SECTION B

Read Text B and answer questions 8 – 13.

Text B

You receive this letter.



Environment Is Meant
23 Main Street
Pyttstop
PY2 1EV

WE ARE MEANT TO HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT!

Dear Residents

I would like to invite you to a meeting about the environmental problems we have in our community. Pollution – whether litter, noise, greenhouse gases or overuse of plastic – is a huge issue and we must join together to solve it.

Environment Is Meant is a local organisation that believes our environment needs protecting. We want people to organise their own groups to help the environment. Your group could encourage people to recycle things like clothes, books, toys and even old washing machines or fridges. You could tell people about buying light bulbs and electrical goods that save energy.

We have lots of ideas to help you get started or you might have your own thoughts on how to look after the environment. You could do something creative like picking up litter to use in art projects or giving a talk at your local school once a year.

To sum up, we need people to start local environmental groups. Time is not a problem. Just an hour a week is fine. Some people give a full day whenever they can manage it. Whatever time you can give will make a difference.

Joining in will help us find environmental solutions to benefit our local area. It feels good to help. Everyone is welcome. You might make new friends!

Please come to our meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday 17 October to discuss how we can improve our local environment. Free homemade cakes and hot and cold drinks will be available and a fantastic local band will play. There will be a prize draw.

If you want more information, contact me at the address above or via my email.

Yours faithfully

Mylene Own
MylOwn@environismeant.web

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

- 8 The **main** purpose of this letter is to:
- A persuade you to start a new hobby
 - B advertise a fantastic local band
 - C invite you to an upcoming meeting
 - D give you updates about local news

(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 which show that Text B is a letter.
- A exclamation marks
 - B use of 'Yours faithfully'
 - C title in bold
 - D sender's address
 - E email address
 - F logo

(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)



10 Using Text B, identify **two** practical steps people can take to protect the environment.

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

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(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)

11 Your friend wants to go to the meeting, but is worried she does not have enough time to help.

Give **two** pieces of information from Text B to reassure her that she will have enough time to help.

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

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(Total for Question 11 = 2 marks)

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12 According to Text B, how should you contact *Environment Is Meant* if you have a question?

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

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(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)

13 You want to encourage some friends to come along to the meeting, but they think it might be boring.

Using the information from Text B, give **two** reasons why they might not be bored.

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

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(Total for Question 13 = 2 marks)

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