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Level 1

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.

You read this article.

Seeing Red

by Kelvin Knight

The number of traffic lights in the UK has increased by 25% since 2000. In many towns and cities there are so many that traffic is frequently brought to a standstill. Town centre shop owners say their trade is damaged by traffic lights as people avoid the queues of cars and shop out of town. Some drivers say that watching out for pedestrians, bikes and changing traffic lights is too much. Who can blame them?

Stanley Watts, Traffic Regulation Officer, agrees. He has suggested that 80% of traffic lights should be switched off in order to let traffic flow. He says, 'Traffic lights are damaging the economy. Even a two-minute delay to every journey is equal to a loss of about £16 billion every year. This is because longer journey times mean that deliveries are delayed and the cost of goods in the shops increases.'

Stanley continues, 'Traffic lights also affect commuters, who have a slower journey to work. Commuting costs more because drivers use more fuel, with stopping and starting at lights. There is also the stress for commuters when traffic lights make them late for work.'

Doctors have raised concerns that people's health is damaged by traffic lights. Dr Clare Salter claims, 'Braking and then accelerating at traffic lights causes an increase in harmful fumes. This polluted air may affect the health of both pedestrians and drivers.'

So what is the solution? Stanley Watts explains, 'When a town in Kent removed its traffic lights for just twelve weeks last year there was less congestion, less air pollution and accidents were reduced by 41%.' He believes that mini-roundabouts are a better way to regulate traffic.

Experts in traffic control agree. When traffic lights fail, traffic jams are reduced by 60%.



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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 Text A is to:

- A describe how traffic lights work
- B explain why traffic lights are necessary
- C complain about the reduced number of traffic lights
- D inform the reader of the damaging effects of traffic lights

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 According to Text A, Stanley Watts wants:

- A 80% of traffic lights switched off
- B 60% of traffic lights switched off
- C 41% of traffic lights switched off
- D 25% of traffic lights switched off

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

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

- A Traffic lights were introduced in the UK in 2000.
- B When traffic lights fail it always causes a traffic jam.
- C Traffic lights often slow down traffic and cause congestion.
- D A town in Kent removed its traffic lights in 2000.

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)



4 According to Stanley Watts, what is a better way to regulate traffic than traffic lights?

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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.

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(Total for Question 5 = 2 marks)

6 Your friend thinks that traffic lights are important in towns and cities and help the economy.

Using information from Text A, give **two** examples of ways that traffic lights damage the economy.

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(Total for Question 6 = 2 marks)

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7 Your relative drives 20 miles to work each day.

Using information from Text A, identify **two** ways that traffic lights affect people who drive to work.

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(Total for Question 7 = 2 marks)

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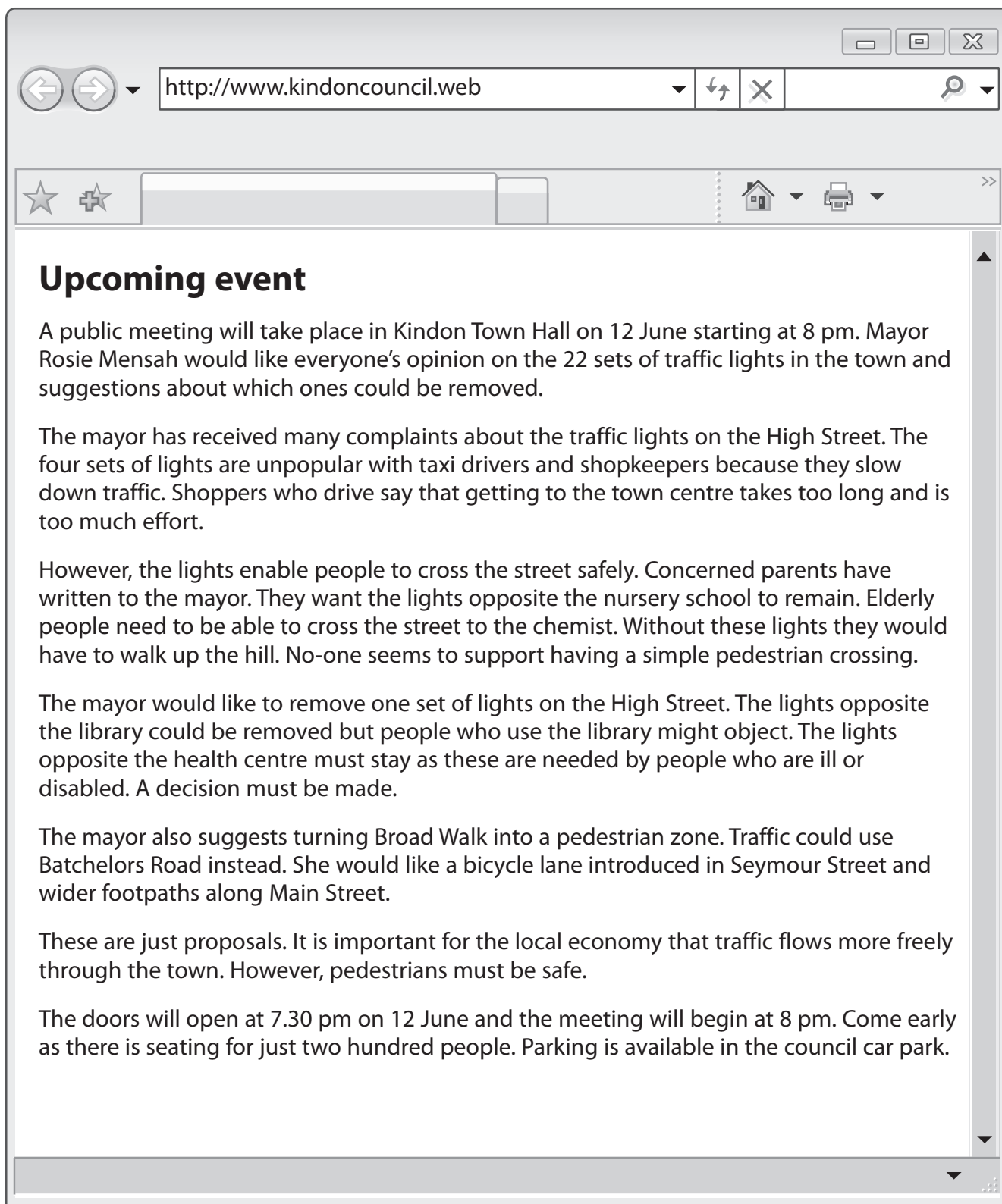


SECTION B

Read Text B and answer questions 8 – 13.

Text B

You read this on the Kindon Council website.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing <http://www.kindoncouncil.web>. The page content is as follows:

Upcoming event

A public meeting will take place in Kindon Town Hall on 12 June starting at 8 pm. Mayor Rosie Mensah would like everyone's opinion on the 22 sets of traffic lights in the town and suggestions about which ones could be removed.

The mayor has received many complaints about the traffic lights on the High Street. The four sets of lights are unpopular with taxi drivers and shopkeepers because they slow down traffic. Shoppers who drive say that getting to the town centre takes too long and is too much effort.

However, the lights enable people to cross the street safely. Concerned parents have written to the mayor. They want the lights opposite the nursery school to remain. Elderly people need to be able to cross the street to the chemist. Without these lights they would have to walk up the hill. No-one seems to support having a simple pedestrian crossing.

The mayor would like to remove one set of lights on the High Street. The lights opposite the library could be removed but people who use the library might object. The lights opposite the health centre must stay as these are needed by people who are ill or disabled. A decision must be made.

The mayor also suggests turning Broad Walk into a pedestrian zone. Traffic could use Batchelors Road instead. She would like a bicycle lane introduced in Seymour Street and wider footpaths along Main Street.

These are just proposals. It is important for the local economy that traffic flows more freely through the town. However, pedestrians must be safe.

The doors will open at 7.30 pm on 12 June and the meeting will begin at 8 pm. Come early as there is seating for just two hundred people. Parking is available in the council car park.

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Answer question 8 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 ☒.

- 8 The **main** purpose of Text B is to:
- A complain about the 12 sets of traffic lights
 - B invite people to attend a public meeting
 - C introduce a proposal for a bicycle lane
 - D encourage people to shop in Kindon

(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 According to Text B, which **two** of the following statements are true?
- A Seymour Street is to get broader footpaths.
 - B The High Street has 22 sets of traffic lights.
 - C The mayor wants pedestrians to be safe crossing the street.
 - D Broad Walk could become an area for pedestrians only.
 - E The mayor wants more traffic lights in Kindon.
 - F Main Street may get a new bicycle lane.

(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)



10 Using Text B, identify **two** groups of people who have complained about the traffic lights on the High Street.

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

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(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)

11 Your neighbour wants to go to the public meeting and needs detailed information about how to attend.

Using Text B, identify **two** pieces of information she needs to know to attend the public meeting.

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12 According to Text B, what type of crossing does no-one want on the High Street?

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(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)

13 Your friend thinks there is no good reason to have any traffic lights on the High Street.

Using Text B, identify **two** groups of people who rely on traffic lights to cross the High Street safely.

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(Total for Question 13 = 2 marks)

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