

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Secondary Education

ENGLISH (Specification 1900)

UNIT 1 Non-Fiction, Media and Information

PAPER 1 (Foundation Tier)

2431/1

JANUARY 2005

1 hour 45 minutes

Additional materials:
Answer booklet

TIME 1 hour 45 minutes. (No separate reading time is allowed.)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces on the answer booklet.
- Answer **ALL** the questions.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the answer booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **60**.
- **Section A** is worth 40 marks. You are advised to spend **no more than 1 hour 10 minutes** on it.
- **Section B** is worth 20 marks. You are advised to spend **no more than 35 minutes** on it.

This question paper consists of 4 printed pages and an insert.

SECTION A

You are advised to spend no more than 1 hour 10 minutes on Section A.

Reading: NON-FICTION

In the passage which follows, Bill Bryson gives his impressions of Kibera, 'the biggest slum in Nairobi'.

Read the text carefully, and then answer questions 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c).

These answers will be marked for reading. Plan your answers and write them carefully.

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An African Diary

SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER

In the morning we.....

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An extract from 'An African Diary' by Bill Bryson. ISBN: 978-0767915069

.....piped to their homes.'

Adapted from Bill Bryson's African Diary

- 1 (a) Write down **two facts** you learn about Kibera from the first paragraph. [2]
- (b) From paragraph four ('In the rainy season...'), list **three reasons** why Bill Bryson finds Kibera such an awful place. Number each reason. [3]
- (c) What else have you learned **in the rest of the passage** about Kibera and about Bill Bryson's opinions of the place?
Use **your own words** as far as possible and do not repeat points made in **1(a)** and **1(b)**. [15]

Reading: MEDIA TEXT

Refer to the insert. This is adapted from a leaflet published by the charity, Habitat for Humanity.

Read the leaflet carefully, and **then answer question 2**.

This answer will be marked for reading. Plan your answer and write it carefully.

- 2 In what ways do you think the leaflet tries to win support for the charity, Habitat for Humanity?

In your answer, you should refer to the following **three** points to explain your answer:

- how the **words** and **phrases** in the leaflet describe the living conditions of people in Orange Farm Township
- how the particular case of Nomvula is used in the leaflet
- how the **presentation** of the leaflet helps to get the charity's message across.

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SECTION B

You are advised to spend no more than 35 minutes on this section.

Writing to INFORM, EXPLAIN, DESCRIBE

This answer will be marked for writing. Plan your answer and write it carefully.

Leave enough time to check through and correct what you have written.

3 In the twenty-first century many people in the world still live in poor conditions.

Write the words of an article on this topic for a magazine aimed at students of your age.

In your article you should:

- describe the situation clearly
- explain what might be done to make life better for these people.

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