

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
General Certificate of Secondary Education

ENGLISH (Specification 1900)  
UNIT 1 Non-Fiction, Media and Information  
PAPER 1 (Foundation Tier)

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Wednesday                      8 JUNE 2005                      Morning                      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 total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- 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.

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This question paper consists of 6 printed pages and 2 blank pages.

## SECTION A

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

Reading: NON-FICTION

In this passage, Laurie Lee recalls his impressions of a visit to Holland.

Read the passage 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.

### A Gift from the Sea

Holland is like no...



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...the reality of Holland

From 'I Can't Stay Long' by Laurie Lee.

1 (a) In the first paragraph, what does the author say the Hollanders did to dry out their country? [2]

(b) From the second paragraph, give one *fact* about Schipol Airport.  
Give two words which show the author's *opinions* of the old houses by the canals. [3]

(c) What does Laurie Lee find interesting about Holland?

In your answer you should write about:

- Amsterdam
- the countryside
- the lives of the people in Amsterdam and the countryside.

Use **your own words** as far as possible. [15]

**Turn over for the remainder  
of Section A**

Reading: MEDIA

This is from a travel brochure.

Read the passage carefully, and then answer question 2 .

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

Welcome to Amsterdam

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Details: A photograph of Amsterdam at night

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Details: An extract of text about Amsterdam taken from a travel brochure

- 2 Show how 'Welcome to Amsterdam' presents the city as an attractive place for tourists to visit.

In your answer you should comment on:

- the choice and position of the photograph
- the details you are given about the city
- the words and phrases used.

[20]

### 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 For a travel magazine, **describe** either a place you have visited or somewhere you know well.

**Explain** why this place would or would not appeal to someone of your age.

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