

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Secondary Education

ENGLISH (Specification 1900)

2431/2

UNIT 1 Non-Fiction, Media and Information

PAPER 2 (Higher Tier)

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.
- Find the **INSERT** inside this paper. This contains the **reading materials for Section A**.
- 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 **90**.
- The maximum mark for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question.
- **Section A** is worth 60 marks. You are advised to spend **no more than 1 hour 10 minutes** on it.
- **Section B** is worth 30 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 and MEDIA

Read both passages carefully. **Question 1** refers to *Disneyland: The Beginning* and **question 2** refers to *Park and Pride*.

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

- 1** By referring closely to the article *Disneyland: The Beginning*, outline concisely what the writer says about how Disneyland was planned and financed, the problems that arose when it was opened, and the reasons he gives as to why it was different from any previous amusement parks.

Use your own words as far as possible.

[30]

Now read *Park and Pride* and answer question 2.

- 2** Explore Martyn Palmer's attitude to his rollercoaster ride and how he attempts to make his readers share his experiences of the theme park. In your answer consider closely the way he presents his experiences, and how the language he uses helps to communicate his feelings. [30]

SECTION B

You are advised to spend **no more than 35 minutes** on Section B.

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 what you have written.

- 3** Your tutors have organized an outing to a local attraction (for example, a theme park, an activities centre) to celebrate the end of your GCSE exams. As your year group's representative, write a letter to parents describing the attraction and explaining the arrangements for the trip. (The venue may be either real or made up.)

Begin your letter, 'Dear Parent, ...'

[30]

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