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Morning

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and Candidate number in the spaces provided 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 **63**.
- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- **Section A** is worth 42 marks. You are advised to spend **no more than 1 hour 10 minutes** on it.
- **Section B** is worth 21 marks. You are advised to spend **no more than 35 minutes** on it.

This document 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

Read this passage carefully and then **answer questions 1(a), (b) and (c)**.

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

Clare Francis was the first lady to skipper a yacht in the Whitbread Round-the-World race in 1977. In her book about the race, 'Come Wind or Weather', she describes her cook, Bumble. Bumble also wrote her memories of the voyage.

Clare's account

As soon as she stepped on board, Bumble leapt into action, examining every corner of the galley and planning her stores according to the room in the fridge, freezer and lockers. After half an hour of concentrated study, she declared, 'Well, I think it's a really smashing kitchen.'

'It's called a galley, Bumble,' someone whispered.

'Oh, of course,' she replied.

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Later, on examining the cabin which she was to share with me, Bumble was heard to say, 'Really, a very comfortable bedroom.' We soon gave up correcting Bumble's vocabulary and began to appreciate her many other qualities. Bumble was friendly, funny and outspoken. She was also, as we had hoped, a first-class cook. In a very short time, the crew had decided she was marvellous.

Bumble's account

It was only after I had accepted Clare's amazing offer of a job to cook in the Round-the-World race that I realized what I had let myself in for. I had no idea of the hours I was to spend writing lists and calculating how much food twelve people would eat in eight months.

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During the voyage, I had to go through all the vegetables once a week, throwing out any bad or rotting fruit, – a very irritating job, as the yacht would usually be tilted over. I would have to wedge myself in a corner and try to catch the apples and oranges as they rolled around.

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It was a fairly dry galley, but I did have trouble with liquids when they spilt on the working surfaces. They would seep down through the lids of the freezer and fridge. Every now and then, the smell in the fridge would become too much and I would have to clean it out. This meant standing on my head in the fridge with a bowl of seawater and bicarbonate of soda, sloshing water around in the hope that it would remove the smell.

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Most of the cooking was done in seawater. We had a fairly limited supply of drinking water, five gallons a day for twelve of us. The only seawater pump was in the galley, and sometimes I'd find I was scraping carrots while Fred and Tony were trying to clean their teeth at the same time in the same sink!

Cooking in a rough sea didn't upset me much. I think I enjoyed the challenge. The only mishap I had was when I forgot to wedge a saucepan and a second later I heard it whizz across the board and tip over when it reached its destination. Shouts of rage and abuse followed.

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The only real disaster we had was when the electricity generator broke down and the freezer had to be turned off. For three days we ate like pigs before all the meat and fish went off. Then we had only soya bean meat left, apart from fruit and vegetables.

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If asked whether I'd ever do it again, the answer would be, 'Well ... I'll have to think about it.'

- 1 (a) From Clare's account, which **two words** did Bumble use wrongly, forgetting that she was on a boat? [2]
- (b) List **three words** from Clare's account that show the crew's opinions of Bumble. [3]
- (c) What difficulties does Bumble describe in her account?

Explain how she dealt with them.

Use your own words as far as possible. [16]

Reading: MEDIA

Read this newspaper article, written as Ellen MacArthur returned from her solo round-the-world voyage in 2005. Then **answer Question 2**.

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



Julian Herbert © 2005 Getty Images

Ellen MacArthur waves two signal flares, arriving in Falmouth after her solo round-the-world voyage

Glory after the Pain

Stress and strain forgotten as team and boat are praised

Ellen MacArthur, Britain's newest world record holder, was cheered by thousands as she sailed into Falmouth yesterday.

Boat horns and thunderous cheers echoed around the harbour as she eased her boat, 'B&Q', into the dock and launched into ecstatic celebrations.

Bounding around the yacht's trampoline decking and waving to the crowd, Ellen sprayed a magnum of champagne over well-wishers. She seemed a picture of mental and physical health.

Smiling, she said: 'I don't think I can ever manage to communicate how difficult it has been. I know that sounds like a throwaway remark, but, believe me, it was hard.'

The team

The 28-year-old from Derbyshire was keen to deflect whatever praise came her way. 'None of this could have happened without my team,' she said. 'In fact, the moment that I felt that I had broken the record was not when I crossed the line, but when my shore team came aboard soon after. Until then, it was just me and the boat, all alone as before.'

The boat

Her vessel, 'B&Q', was roundly praised. 'She has been the most incredible boat,' MacArthur said. 'The people who designed and built her are responsible for the fact that I am here now, safe and also with a record.'

MacArthur, like many sailors, ascribes human characteristics to her craft. 'This boat,' she said, 'is nicknamed *Moby* because her vast central hull resembles a whale.' Look closely and you will see the eyes painted on her prow by the shore crew. 'She is a fighter,' MacArthur said. 'She will not let you down. I am amazed how well she has looked after me.'

Endurance

Her enraptured welcome at Falmouth was for a woman who has drawn on every last ounce of her human endurance. She could have died out there. She kept going.

She has been to the ends of the earth.

She has cried at the sight of a flame-throwing sunset, thrilled to the glimpse of an albatross, and run over a whale. She has dealt with a squid in her rudder, white rot beneath her fingernails, near collapse from exhaustion with about 20 minutes' sleep a night, 70 mph winds and waves that enfolded her boat in water. She has been upside down, screaming and wet.

She has lived more intensely in two months than most of us will live in a lifetime. She embarked on her journey as a yachtswoman and returned as a symbol of human aspiration.

Adapted from articles in the *Daily Telegraph* by Richard Alleyne, A. Baker and Sue Mott 9.2.2005.

- 2 Show how the article celebrates how much Ellen achieved, and also makes it clear that she does not want all the glory for herself.

In your answer you should write about:

- the presentation of the article
- references to the team and the boat
- the words and phrases used about Ellen's character and achievements.

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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 **Describe** how an experience which you know about tested a person's character. You may write about yourself if you wish.

For example, you might wish to describe taking part in a sport, organising an activity or project, achieving a target or ambition, enduring an illness, facing a medical operation, or coping with an emotional difficulty.

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