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Friday 3 May 2013 (afternoon)
Vendredi 3 mai 2013 (après-midi)
Viernes 3 de mayo de 2013 (tarde)

1 h 30 m

TEXT BOOKLET – INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this booklet until instructed to do so.
- This booklet contains all of the texts required for paper 1.
- Answer the questions in the question and answer booklet provided.

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CUADERNO DE TEXTOS – INSTRUCCIONES PARA LOS ALUMNOS

- No abra este cuaderno hasta que se lo autoricen.
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- Conteste todas las preguntas en el cuaderno de preguntas y respuestas.

TEXT A

Choosing a university in South Africa

Five people talk about their reasons for choosing a university and what they enjoyed best there.

“I studied medicine at the University of Pretoria. I think that it is important to choose a university where there is a course you are very interested in. It is a decision which will influence your choice of profession and the rest of your life.

In my opinion, in order to really enjoy university, a student should not just study all the time but take part in several university clubs and organizations. Sometimes I found it difficult to do all the homework for my classes. I was busy all the time!”

Zanele

“I studied at the University of Witwatersrand. I chose to go there because it is known for academic excellence. It is so important to get a good academic qualification if you want to get a good job.

When I was there I most enjoyed meeting people from different origins. I learnt to look at the world from different perspectives. Today I am still in contact with many people I met there when I was a student.”

Akhona

“I went to the University of Cape Town because I wanted to have a complete change of lifestyle.

Living on my own and learning to find my own way in the world was the best aspect of university. On the other hand, I must say that after a few months, I missed the comforts of home!”

Nsovo

“I studied by correspondence and only went to class once a month. I decided to take this type of course because university costs were not very high. My experience of university was, of course, different from the experience of my friends who were going to classes every day.

For me, the best moments were when I met other students in the monthly classes. We exchanged our ideas and opinions and I learnt so much from listening to other students. When I was in those classes, I really felt part of a student community.”

Noluthando

“I studied environmental law at the University of Johannesburg. I chose this university because I wanted to be a lawyer and because the lecturers are qualified lawyers.

I really liked the fact that we were always well prepared for the lecture because we could download the lecture notes from the web site before class. Even if there were many other positive aspects to life at university, personally I enjoyed the lectures most.”

Casey

Sunday Times (South Africa) Sept 18 2011 section Money and Careers
“Take Care in Choosing the Right University” by Mamello Masote.
<http://www.times.co.za/>

TEXT B

Transport survey in Hong Kong



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- 5 ❶ The Transport Department will soon begin a survey to find out about future transport services and facilities. It will take four months to finish. Transport Department officers will visit 50,000 homes and have face-to-face interviews with all members of the family, aged two and above. The people who are going to be interviewed will be told the date in advance. If someone is too old to answer the questions, other family members can reply for them.
- 10 ❷ The questions will be about the working day – how do they travel to work, how much time do they spend waiting and travelling and what is the cost of travel. They will also be asked for their opinions on different kinds of travel. “In recent years, more and more people seem to be interested in walking or using bicycles,” transport officer Loo said. “We have asked questions about this too in the survey.”
- ❸ The people who are going to carry out the survey will wear dark blue jackets and carry bags with the official Hong Kong government logo. They are also going to have an identity card.
- 15 ❹ Transport officer Loo said that some Hong Kong residents can choose to complete the questionnaire online if they are not at home for the Transport Department officers’ visit. However, they are encouraged to accept the home visit. They can call a special telephone number to arrange a date and time for the visit after they receive the letter about the survey.

“Transport survey to get 50,000 aboard”, 26 August, 2011 *The Standard*.
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TEXT C

Help someone in need

December 2012

My dear friend,

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- 1
- For some people in Great Britain, winter is the coldest, loneliest and most difficult time of the year. With your support our charitable organization can bring hope to people in need – to someone who is homeless, to families who are poor and to isolated older people.
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- Our workers and volunteers go out onto the streets and give out much-needed hot drinks, food and sleeping bags. We are also responsible for centres where poor people can come for a meal, a shower and some clean clothes. If there is space, we offer them a bed.
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- Will you help us? With your help, we can help isolated older people who have only the television for company. By supporting us today you will make sure that people in need have the chance of a little happiness. Just £11*, for example, will help us to invite two older people for a filling lunch, where they will enjoy not just good food, but also a few hours of much-needed company and friendship. A little more money, for example £19,
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- will help us to give a box of gifts to a family in need, full of healthy food and clothes and toys for the children. Or, if you can, £47 will help us to offer a homeless person a hot meal and a warm bed in one of our centres at one of the coldest times of the year.
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- Although this help is urgent, it will last for a long time after this cold season. In many cases, the help will change lives. Once we have made contact, we stay in touch: we welcome people in need at our regular lunch clubs and we visit them in their homes.
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- I hope that you will join us by helping people in need. A gift from you today will bring help and hope to many poor people this season.

Yours sincerely,



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* £: British currency; a pound sterling

TEXT D

The dangers of plastic on marine life

A biology professor and his wife from Santa Monica College, California are planning to travel across the South Pacific Ocean on an expedition to study the effects of plastic pollution on marine life.

Dr Baghdasarian and his wife Sara, a writer who has received many prizes for her books, and an environmental activist, will leave in March for a 5,000 mile journey across the South Pacific to look for plastic in the sea and study the effect of its pollution on sea life. Sara began her environmental work in 2009 when she started a project to clean local beaches in 20 minutes a day and she wrote about it on her blog. She says that she found almost 700 pounds* of plastic on the beaches of Santa Monica. On this expedition, she will help her husband in his research and will write and take photos of the expedition.

“I really believe that this work is important”, says Dr Baghdasarian. “I am excited about the expedition but, at the same time, I’m preparing myself to be shocked. We expect to go out into the green clean oceans and see these plastics. Plastic lasts for hundreds and perhaps thousands of years and marine animals can eat it.”

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He and his wife have received money from various organizations and are also working to collect several thousand dollars more to pay for the costs of the expedition.

Dr Baghdasarian said, “It is a little frightening to think that we could be in big storms because we will be sailing in some of the most isolated waters in the world. We will be at times more than 1,300 miles from any major port or help. On the other hand, I’m excited about the adventure of being an explorer. I want to play my part to help the environment.”

Extract adapted from “SMC professor and wife to study plastic effects on marine life”, *Argonaut* online, 20 January 2011. Used with permission.

* 700 pounds is approximately 318 kilograms