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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/12**

Paper 1 Reading Passage (Core)

**May/June 2011**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Reading Booklet Insert

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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**Question 1**

Read carefully the passage *Time Travel* in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer all the questions.

(a) Explain, **using your own words**, the phrase 'a film run backward' (line 4).

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..... [2]

(b) What effect does the writer achieve by writing 'The sun stopped in the sky.' as a separate paragraph (line 7)?

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(c) Give **two** facts about the path which are mentioned in lines 12–18 (Mr. Travis pointed... without my permission.').

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- (d) Re-read lines 8–21 (The fog that had enveloped...the colour of blood.). Choose **three** short phrases used by the writer to describe the world in the distant past.

Explain how each of these phrases helps the reader to imagine such a world.

Phrase: .....

Explanation: .....

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Phrase: .....

Explanation: .....

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Phrase: .....

Explanation: .....

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..... [6]

- (e) Which word in lines 32–36 ('So what?...very foundations.') suggests that Travis feels scorn towards Eckels?

..... [1]

**[Turn over for Question 1(f)]**



(h) Explain, **using your own words**, what the writer means by:

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(i) 'struck off into green wilderness' (line 13);

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(ii) 'with a stamp of your foot, you annihilate first one' (lines 29–30);

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(iii) 'this particular era' (line 44).

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**[Total: 30]**

**[Turn over for Question 2]**



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