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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Reading

October/November 2012

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

1 hour 45 minutes

Additional Materials: 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 in **both** Section 1 and Section 2.
The insert contains the two reading passages.
Mistakes in spelling, punctuation and grammar may be penalised in any part of the Paper.
Dictionaries are **not** permitted in this examination.

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

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Section 1: Reading for Ideas

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Read **Passage 1** in the insert and answer **all** the questions below in the order set.

1 (a) Notes [15 Marks]

Identify and write down the information from the passage which describes the advantages and disadvantages of air travel.

USE ONLY THE MATERIAL FROM PARAGRAPH 2 TO PARAGRAPH 5 INCLUSIVE.

At this stage, you need NOT use your own words. To help you get started, the first point in each section of notes is done for you. You will be awarded up to 15 marks for **content** points.

MAIN POINTS	
Advantages of air travel	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It gives people new experiences of cultures / climates / cuisine</i> 	
Disadvantages of air travel	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Noise of take-off and landing disturbs local residents</i> 	

- 2 From paragraph 5, select and write down **two** opinions.

One opinion is

..... [1]

Another opinion is

..... [1]

- 3 From your reading of paragraph 6, decide whether each of the following statements is true or false and tick the appropriate box.

	T	F
It is cheaper to book on-line yourself than to go to a travel agent.		
It is compulsory to buy a meal on a budget airline flight.		
Airport staff are needed to help with cabin baggage.		

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Section 2: Reading for Meaning

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Read **Passage 2** in the insert and answer **all** the questions below in the order set.

From paragraph 1

- 4 (a) What was lacking in the house that afternoon because it was 'raining hard'?
..... [1]
- (b) Why was it 'pretentious' to call the room where Christopher did his homework 'the library'?
.....
..... [1]
- (c) Give **two** pieces of evidence which show how important Christopher's education was to Mei Li.
(i)
.....
(ii)
..... [2]

From paragraph 2

- 5 (a) Explain **in your own words** why it was surprising that Christopher's father came into the library that afternoon.
.....
.....
..... [2]
- (b) Apart from the fact that Christopher's father came into the library, what other aspect of his behaviour seems surprising?
.....
..... [1]
- (c) Explain fully why Mei Li reprimanded Christopher.
.....
.....
..... [2]

From paragraph 3

6 (a) Christopher was 'fearful' when he was left alone in the library. Pick out and write down the **single** word used later in the paragraph which continues this idea of 'fearful'.

..... [1]

(b) Why do you think Christopher returned 'to the table every few seconds'?

.....
..... [1]

(c) In what way was Christopher's deception 'feeble'?

.....
..... [1]

(d) Each of Christopher's parents was angry. In what ways did their anger differ? Answer **in your own words**.

.....
.....
..... [2]

From paragraph 4

7 Give **two** reasons why Christopher was not upset by his parents' disagreements.

(i)

(ii) [2]

From paragraph 5

8 (a) What effect is achieved by the word 'theatrical' to describe Akira's laughter that would not be achieved by the word 'hearty'?

.....
..... [1]

(b) Akira compares slatted sun-blinds to families. According to his comparison, what happens if children do not play their part in family life?

.....
..... [1]

(c) Explain fully how 'what Akira had said' contradicted Christopher's memory of his parents' argument.

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From the whole passage

9 Choose **five** of the following words. For each of them give **one** word or short phrase (of not more than seven words) which has the same meaning that the word or phrase has in the passage.

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. paramount (line 7) | 5. sanctuary (line 28) |
| 2. frustratingly (line 17) | 6. heralded (line 30) |
| 3. inevitable (line 18) | 7. earnestness (line 38) |
| 4. muffled (line 21) | 8. broached (line 47) |

Five words chosen (from list above)	Answer	
()	[1]
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()	[1]
()	[1]

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