Cambridge International Examinations
Cambridge Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 2 Reading
Candidates answer on the Question Paper.
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, 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.
Section 1: Reading for Ideas

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

1 (a) Notes [15 marks]

Identify and write down the uses and benefits of palm oil in the present day, and then the concerns associated with it and what is being done to address those concerns, as outlined in the passage.

**USE THE MATERIAL FROM PARAGRAPH 2 TO PARAGRAPH 6 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.

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<td><strong>The uses and benefits of palm oil in the present day</strong></td>
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<td>• used in the making of soap(-based goods) because of lather produced</td>
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<td><strong>Concerns associated with palm oil and what is being done to address those concerns</strong></td>
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<td>• research suggests that palm oil may have no health benefits / may cause heart disease</td>
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(b) **Summary [5 marks]**

Now use your notes to write a summary of the uses and benefits of palm oil in the present day, and then the concerns associated with it and what is being done to address those concerns, as outlined in the passage.

This time, you will be awarded up to 5 marks for using your own words wherever possible and for accurate use of language.

Your summary, which must be in continuous writing (not note form), must be no longer than 160 words, including the 10 words given below. Begin your summary as follows:

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*No. of words*
2. From your reading of paragraph 1, decide whether each of the following statements is true, false, or not stated in the passage, and tick the boxes you have chosen.

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<td>5,000 years ago, palm oil was used only in food and medicine.</td>
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<td>Palm oil was an important commodity during the British Industrial Revolution.</td>
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<td>Palm oil was first produced in Nigeria.</td>
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3. From paragraph 6, write down the sentence which is the writer's opinion.

The opinion is ........................................................................................................................................
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4. From your reading of paragraph 6, decide which one of the following statements is true and tick the box you have chosen.

- The passage ends on a pessimistic note.      
- The passage ends on an optimistic note.     
- The passage ends on an undecided note.      

[1]

Total for Section 1 [25]
Section 2: Reading for Meaning

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

From paragraph 1

5 (a) Why did Pi and Ravi call their father's business contact ‘uncle’?
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(b) The boys' uncle 'looked the part his whole life'. What 'part' did he look?
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(c) Why was Ravi 'wildly spinning his hand above his head'?
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(d) Why do you think Pi believed Ravi's story about their uncle?
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From paragraph 2

6 (a) Pi's parents looked 'as if they were walking through a jungle, spreading the tall grass ahead of them' (lines 10–11). Without copying from the passage, explain in no more than fifteen words what is happening here.
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(b) According to the information in the paragraph, what did Ravi have in common with his parents?
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(c) Pi was his uncle's 'willing disciple'. Pick out and write down the single word used later in the paragraph which is linked to this idea.
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(d) Explain fully why the uncle's opinion distressed Pi's mother.
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From paragraph 3

7  (a) Explain in your own words why Pi’s uncle thought that swimming in a swimming pool was preferable to swimming in the sea.

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(b) In what two ways were Pi’s trips to the local swimming pool a ‘ritual’?

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(c) Why did swimming ‘instruction’ in time become swimming ‘practice’?

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(d) Pi sometimes went swimming in the sea on his own. Why do you think he describes this as ‘a guilty pleasure’?

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From paragraph 4

8  What did Pi’s father like to do in his spare time?

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From paragraph 5

9 (a) According to Pi’s uncle, what was special about the Deligny pool?

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(b) Pi’s uncle was prone to ‘impossible exaggerations’ about the Molitor pool. Which one of the exaggerations which he made was ‘impossible’?

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(c) The uncle’s memory was ‘swimming too many lengths to mention’. What do you think the writer wishes to convey here?

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From the whole passage

10 Choose five of the following words or phrases. 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.

1. ludicrous (line 10) 5. spent (line 28)
2. fluttered (line 15) 6. splendour (line 37)
3. practically (line 25) 7. prone to (line 38)
4. beckoned (line 26) 8. tomfoolery (line 42)

Five words chosen (from list above) | Answer |
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