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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

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Paper 1 Reading Passages (Core)

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READING BOOKLET INSERT

**1 hour 45 minutes**

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

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**Part 1**

Read **Passage A** carefully, and then answer **Questions 1** and **2** on the Question Paper.

**Passage A: Ladakh**

*In this passage, the writer describes his experiences while travelling in Ladakh in Northern India to make a television travel documentary about the city of Leh.*

Ladakh, meaning ‘many passes’,

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perhaps just the power and influence that came from living  
on the Silk Route.

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**Part 2**

Read **Passage B** carefully, and then answer **Question 3** on the Question Paper.

**Passage B: How to trek to Everest Base Camp**

*The following passage is an extract from a travel guide written for tourists planning to trek to the Everest Base Camp.*

Today, the trek to Everest Base Camp

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or be prepared to blister.

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