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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/22**

Paper 2 Reading

**October/November 2014**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

**1 hour 45 minutes**

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

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

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**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.

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## 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 points in the passage which describe the uses of water down through the ages, and the problems and solutions associated with ensuring an adequate supply of water to everyone in the world.

**USE MATERIAL FROM THE WHOLE PASSAGE.**

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                                                                                                             |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| The uses of water down through the ages                                                                                 |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Nomadic people set up shelters near streams for drinking water</i></li> </ul> |  |
| Problems and solutions associated with ensuring an adequate supply of water                                             |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Some people do not have access to safe water</i></li> </ul>                   |  |

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- 2 From your reading of paragraph 1, decide whether each of the following statements is true or false, and tick the appropriate box in each case.

|                                                                                        | True | False |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| People were unaware of the importance of water when they lived in settled communities. |      |       |
| Civilisation began in Egypt.                                                           |      |       |
| The river Nile provided free irrigation for the Egyptians' crops.                      |      |       |

[3]

- 3 'The availability and distribution of water throughout the world is a major social and economic concern' (paragraph 4). From your **own** knowledge or experience, give an example of a social or economic concern, and the steps that are being taken to deal with that concern. Do **not** use an example related to water.

The concern is .....

.....

Steps that are being taken to deal with that concern are .....

..... [2]

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

- 4 (a) What 'good news' did Rakesh receive that morning?

..... [1]

- (b) What was the 'mark of respect' shown by Rakesh to his father?

..... [1]

From paragraph 2

- 5 (a) What were the most surprising gifts given to Rakesh?

..... [1]

- (b) Pick out and write down **four consecutive words** which show that Rakesh's future was likely to be a happy and successful one.

..... [1]

- (c) Describe **in your own words** the neighbours' reaction to Rakesh's 'exemplary filial behaviour'.

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

- (d) Why do you think the writer tells us that Varma had 'never even seen the inside of a school'?

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

From paragraph 3

- 6 Rakesh's mother thought his choice of wife was 'strange'. Explain fully what kind of woman his mother thought he would marry.

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

From paragraph 4

- 7 (a) Why did Rakesh's mother die 'contented'?

..... [1]

- (b) Describe the **two** ways in which Rakesh viewed his father's 'mysterious diseases'. Answer **in your own words**.

(i) .....

(ii) ..... [2]

- (c) When the family flew around Rakesh's father 'in a flap', what do you think was 'their mistaken belief'?

..... [1]

From paragraph 5

- 8 (a) 'After a while, no-one paid much notice, all except, of course, Rakesh.' What effect is created by the inclusion of the expression 'of course' in this sentence?

.....

..... [1]

- (b) 'dramatic events ensued'. Pick out and write down the **single word** used later in the paragraph which continues the idea of 'dramatic'.

..... [1]

- (c) Rakesh 'started to supervise Varma's diet'. Explain the **two** ways in which he did this.

(i) .....

(ii) ..... [2]

- (d) According to Varma, what did his diet eventually become?

..... [1]

- (e) Varma thought the daughter-in-law was 'hypocritical' when she piled up pillows under his head. Explain fully the other way Varma thought she showed her hypocrisy.

.....

..... [1]

From paragraph 6

9 Varma 'tucked his feet under him'. Why do you think he did that?

.....

..... [1]

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. bedlam (line 4)       | 5. apparently (line 18)            |
| 2. streamed (line 4)     | 6. in the wink of an eye (line 21) |
| 3. fruits (line 9)       | 7. gratifying (line 31)            |
| 4. prestigious (line 14) | 8. reproach (line 33)              |

| Five words chosen<br>(from list above) | Answer |     |
|----------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| ( ) .....                              | .....  | [1] |
| ( ) .....                              | .....  | [1] |
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Total for Section 2 [25]

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