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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/11

Paper 1 Reading Passage (Core)

October/November 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.

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 *Night Train to Mumbai (The Superfast Express)* in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer all the questions.

(a) Explain what the writer means by 'But the train traveller sees a different Jaipur' (lines 3–4).

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..... [2]

(b) Which **one** word in the first paragraph tells you that some of the buildings in Sanganer were in a poor condition?

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(c) Explain, **using your own words**:

(i) why the writer felt that the name 'Superfast' was not suited to the train.

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(ii) why the speed of the train was 'consoling' to the writer (line 15). Give **two** reasons.

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(d) Why does Mr Gupta think 'Planes are a problem.' (line 21)?

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(e) Give **two** reasons why there are now fewer tigers in this part of India.

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

(i) 'it sprawls to the horizon' (line 5);

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(ii) 'peering from the ornate walls' (line 32);

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(iii) 'part of the panorama' (line 43).

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(g) Re-read lines 34–40. Choose **three** short phrases which the writer uses to describe what he saw from the train window.

Explain how each of these phrases helps to create a picture in your mind of the people and their surroundings.

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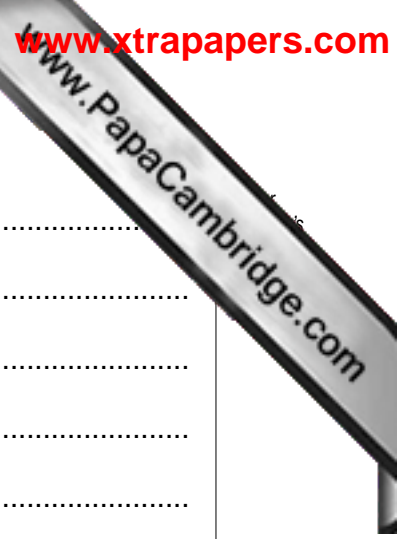
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[Turn over for Question 2]



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