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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/23**

Paper 2 Reading Passages (Extended)

**October/November 2014**

**2 hours**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

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Answer **all** questions in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

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3 Summarise:

(a) the discomforts **and** frustrations of walking across the Wahiba Desert, as described in **Passage B**;

(b) the effects of the sun when walking through Death Valley, as described in **Passage A**.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (full sentences; not note form). Use your own words as far as possible.

Aim to write no more than one side in total, allowing for the size of your handwriting. Write your response on the lines provided on page 9.

**Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 5 marks for the quality of your writing.**









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Question 3 Tim Moss; Crossing the Wahiba Desert by Moon Light; <http://thenextchallenge.org/portfolio/wahiba/>; 2011.

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