



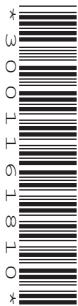
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## ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

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Paper 2 Comprehension

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

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This document has **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

## Section A

**Read the material for Section A in the insert before answering the questions in Section A.**

- 1 (a) According to the Background, identify the **two** main reasons for the increase in the volume of traffic.

reason 1 .....

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(b) With reference to Option A:

- (i) explain the **problem** for the taxi drivers.

**Do not** refer to Option B.

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(ii) explain the **advantages** for the tourists.

**Do not** refer to Option B.

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(c) Explain the advantages and one disadvantage for students if Option B were chosen.

**Do not refer to Option A.**

Answer in continuous prose.

[10]

(d) Explain why Option B may create a problem for the residents of Battax.

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- (e) Explain why the engineering department's accreditation application may **not** be successful.

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- (f) Identify **three** reasons why the student questionnaire feedback may **not** provide accurate data.

reason 1 .....

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- (g) In your opinion, explain **one** way a busy town could reduce the amount of traffic.

Do **not** repeat any material from Section A.

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## Section B

Read the material for Section B in the insert before answering the questions in Section B.

- 2 (a) Identify the **exact** word in the material which means the following:

- (i) shared (lines 3–7)

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- (ii) acknowledged (lines 9–14)

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- (iii) (to) control (lines 15–20).

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- (b) Identify **one** of the benefits for the volunteers who ate a large breakfast.

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- (c) According to Brady Holmer, state **one** of the problems caused by missing breakfast.

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- (d) Explain why going for a walk ‘might be good advice’ (lines 26–29).

Answer **using your own** words as far as possible.

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- (e) (i) Explain the benefit for a person who achieved seven to eight hours of sleep.

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- (ii) Identify the **three** disadvantages for people who lacked sleep (lines 38–41).

Answer in about 30 words using continuous prose.

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- (iii) According to Steve Magness, identify **three** different ways we can improve the way we sleep.

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- (f) Explain why Brady Holmer says, 'The five servings recommendation is sound advice, but also somewhat arbitrary' (lines 50–53).

Answer in about 20 words using continuous prose.

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- (g) Identify the **two** different reasons why ‘the recommendation to drink two litres of water a day ... is not based on hard science’ (lines 58–64).

Answer in **about 20 words** using continuous prose.

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- (h) State the **exact** meaning of the following **four** phrases as they are used in the material:

- (i) (to) sift fact from fiction (lines 1–2)

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- (ii) (the) bottom line (line 21)

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- (iii) stepping up the pace (line 29)

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- (iv) cognitive decline (line 54).

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