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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/22

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.

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) Explain how Sarantown University would be **more** likely to recover the building costs if they were to choose Sarantown Select's proposal.

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..... [2]

- (b) With reference to the Additional Information **only**:

- (i) state the **one** piece of information which suggests that Georg Walters' claim to offer 'fully costed construction plans' might be untrue.

..... [1]

- (ii) state **two** pieces of information which suggest that tourists may **not** wish to stay in the new building.

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[2]



(c) Apart from financial reasons, explain why Bilal Mendes-Smith is **more** likely to choose Sarantown Select to design the new student accommodation block.

Do not refer to Barton Build.

Answer in continuous prose.

[10]



- (d) Apart from any financial considerations, explain **four** reasons which suggest that Georg Walters has not read the contract brief properly.

Do **not** refer to Sarantown Select.

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reason 2

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reason 3

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reason 4

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- (e) Explain how Bilal Mendes-Smith could have made the contract brief more specific.

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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 **three** different informal language features in lines 1–3.

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- (b)** Identify **three** reasons why an individual might consider quiet quitting (lines 9–16).

Answer in about 30 words using continuous prose.

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- (c)** Identify **four** of the ways in which the working from home (WFH) phenomenon has changed people's attitudes to work and leisure time.

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- (d) **Using your own words** as far as possible, state the meaning of the following **five** phrases, as they are used in the material:

- (i) most of us are eager to please (line 31)

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- (ii) even more so if we like our boss (line 32)

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- (iii) those who choose not to join in may be criticised (line 33)

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- (iv) existing issues are never addressed (line 40)

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[1]

- (v) further burdens your colleagues (lines 41–42).

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[1]



(e) Identify the **exact** word or phrase in the material which means the following:

- (i) withdrawing (from) (lines 1–13)

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- (ii) sidelined (lines 30–43)

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- (iii) (to) stop working (lines 39–57)

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- (iv) mutinous (lines 50–60)

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- (v) harmful (lines 50–60)

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- (vi) (to) work beyond expectations (lines 61–71).

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- (f) In your opinion, suggest **one** example of a reward an employee might be able to negotiate with their supervisor.

Justify your response.

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- (g) In your opinion, explain what is meant by the following quotation: 'You can't change someone who doesn't see an issue in their actions' (Unknown).

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

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