

**Epistemo Vikas Leadership School**  
**Summative Assessment II**  
**Revision Worksheet**

**Subject :English(0500)**  
**Topic : Summary Writing**  
**Paper I - Reading**

**Class:10A**

Read **Text B**, and then answer Question **1(f)** on the question paper.

**Text B: Waking the Baby Mammoth**

*This text is a review of a television programme called 'Waking the Baby Mammoth'.*

Only a handful have been found before. But none like her. Her name is Lyuba. A one-monthold baby mammoth, she walked the tundra about 40 000 years ago, then died mysteriously. Discovered on a riverbank in Siberia, she's the most perfectly preserved woolly mammoth ever discovered. Lyuba has mesmerised the scientific world with her arrival – creating headlines across the globe.

'Waking the Baby Mammoth', a new television programme, tells the tale of this single accidental discovery of a frozen baby mammoth in the Siberian tundra and how the discovery has enriched our understanding of these extinct magnificent beasts.

The programme begins with the incredibly fortunate discovery of Lyuba by a reindeer herder who feared that disturbing the remains of the dead might lead to a curse. Too often with such findings, the preserved creature would be dug up and sold, leading to irreversible decomposition and the loss of a treasure trove of valuable information. However, the herder had enough foresight to contact authorities, and scientists began the careful retrieval process. Everyone wanted to know how Lyuba had died. What could she tell us about life during the Ice Age and the Earth's changing climate?

The programme follows the scientific process and the hurdles in understanding where Lyuba came from and what she can tell us about her Pleistocene<sup>1</sup> life. That being said, apart from specific experiments involving high-tech bone scans, tissue extraction and dental examinations, the programme does not delve too far into the intricate data. We are left wondering whether scientists will be able to extract her DNA, and what secrets that might uncover. It's impossible to watch the work on Lyuba without sharing the anxiety the scientists must have felt to get it right.

The programme succeeds brilliantly in bringing drama to a quite amazing story. We are presented with stunning 3D animations of Lyuba and her mother. In cinematic form, Lyuba is brought to life as an active furry baby mammoth, bouncing along next to scientists as they contemplate the frozen carcass's secrets. The visuals are beautiful – light shines off the baby's fur and her shadows dance in just the right way to really make her come alive.

The programme has truly woken the baby mammoth within our minds and hearts. 1 Pleistocene: the Ice Age, which lasted over 2.5 million years and ended about 12 000 years ago

Read Text B, Waking the Baby Mammoth, in the insert and then answer Question 1(f) on this question paper.

Question 1 (f) According to Text B, what made Lyuba such a remarkable and precious scientific specimen **and** what did **scientists hope to discover** by studying her?

You must use **continuous writing** (not note form) and **use your own words** as far as possible.

Your summary should not be more than **120 words**.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 5 marks for the quality of your writing.

## **The Rules for Writing an IGCSE SUMMARY**

### *Do:*

- Use a concise, formal, impersonal style
- Use key words from the question, e.g. “ Lyuba was a remarkable and precious scientific specimen ”
- Remember to cover approximately 8 different points.
- Consider the word limit given on the exam paper. If you write a lot less, you haven’t included enough information, if you write a lot more, you must have included irrelevant information, repeated points or given your opinion.

### *Don’t*

- Don’t include an introduction or conclusion
- Don’t copy the wording from the passages – the information needs to be the same, but the wording needs to be different – Use your own words throughout.
- Don’t write using “I” or “you”
- Don’t use informal language or slang
- Don’t add to descriptions using unnecessary adjectives or adverbs.
- Don’t **repeat** any information – even if a point was made twice in the given passage you should only make it once.