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READING BOOKLET INSERT

1 hour 45 minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

This Insert contains the reading passage for use with both questions of the Question Paper.

This document consists of **3** printed pages and **1** blank page.



Read the following passage carefully and then answer all the questions in the Answer Booklet.

The writer, Paul Theroux, travelled through South America by train about 30 years ago. In this passage he describes his journey to Bogotá, the capital city of Colombia.

The *Expreso de Sol* to Bogotá

The ticket window opened. I went over and asked for a sleeper to Bogotá...

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I propped my window up and pulled out my book, but I had not read two sentences when the lights failed entirely. We were in darkness.

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Reading Passage

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