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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/21**

Paper 2 Reading Passages (Extended)

**October/November 2012**

**2 hours**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper

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**[Turn over for Question 2]**

**(a)** the scenery in paragraph 4, beginning ‘What wonderful views...’;

**(b)** the challenges of the walk in paragraph 6, beginning ‘The journey ahead...’.

Write between 1 and 1½ sides, allowing for the size of your handwriting.

**Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer.**

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**[Turn over**

**3 Summarise:**

- (a) what makes the eastern Himalayas special, **and** why measures are needed to protect them, as described in **Passage B**;
- (b) what made the trek difficult and uncomfortable, as described in **Passage A**.

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.

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