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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/01

Paper 1 Reading

For examination from 2027

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- 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. Do **not** use correction fluid or tape.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

This document has **14** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Read **Text A, Horses**, in the insert and then answer **Question 1(a)–(f)**.

Question 1

(a) What is the other name for an Eohippus, according to paragraph 1?

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(b) Use your own words to explain what the text means by:

(i) 'forest dweller' (lines 4–5)

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 [2]

(ii) 'only faintly resembled' (line 5).

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(c) Reread paragraph 2 ('These early prototype ... tame?').

Give **two** of the main ways in which horses were used by humans in the past.

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- [2]

(d) Reread paragraph 3 ('Scientists identified ... proximity.').

Identify **two** reasons why scientists researching horse domestication thought that Iberia might have been the first place where horses were tamed.

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- [2]

(e) Reread paragraphs 4 and 5 ('But the archaeological ... importance of horses.').

(i) Explain why scientists first thought Botai was 'the most likely place' that horses were first tamed by humans.

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(ii) Explain why scientists now no longer believe that modern domestic horses originated from Botai.

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(f) Reread paragraph 6 ('Tantalisingly ... grass').

(i) Why does the writer use the word 'explosion' (line 29) rather than the word 'increase' to describe the development of horse-based transport?

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(ii) Explain what the writer suggests about horses in the phrase:

'elegant, living machines, powered only by grass' (line 31).

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[Total: 20]

Read **Text B, A very special foal**, in the insert and then answer **Question 2(a)** and **2(b)**.

Question 2

- (a) According to Text B, what are the arguments against cloning being the best way to protect endangered species such as the Takhi horse?

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 reading and up to 5 marks for writing.

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(b) Assess the writer’s attitude towards the cloning of endangered animals.

Use **three** details from Text B to support your answer.

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[Total: 20]

Read **Text C, Riding across America**, in the insert and then answer **Question 3(a)–(d)**.

Question 3

(a) Identify a word or phrase from the text which suggests the same idea as the words in bold:

(i) The two reporters did not ask what **made Annie want to** do the ride.

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(ii) Annie knew she was **lucky** that people were curious about her and her journey.

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(b) Use your own words to explain what the writer means by each of the words in bold:

‘Annie **figured** Redding to LA would take another two months. She took Green’s details, promising to call when, if, she arrived in LA. Only small local newspapers had **covered** her **exploits** to date; she knew national media would take over now.’

(i) figured

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(ii) covered

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(iii) exploits

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- (c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer uses language to suggest the reactions of the people in Redding to Annie’s arrival.

Use your own words in your explanation.

‘To her astonishment, jostling crowds lined the street. Had everyone really come out just to watch her ride by? She grinned and waved back, coming to a halt as yet more well-wishers swarmed and buzzed around her, demanding autographs.’

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- (d) Choose **three** powerful words or phrases from the extract below to analyse how the writer uses language to describe the vet's visit.

'At one town, Annie had been unexpectedly ambushed and interrogated by a vet – hired by an unscrupulous newspaper editor sniffing around for a juicy headline. Annie remained courteous, explaining she'd averaged under 24 km daily, carried feed and drew water from natural sources. Yes, she'd had to camp out occasionally, but Hero had invariably bedded down under cover every night. The vet, frowning, regarded the horse solemnly, picking up each hoof in turn and examining it minutely. The editor watched his performance.

"No problems," the vet finally pronounced his verdict, and left.'

Write about 200 to 250 words.

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

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Reread **Text C, Riding across America**, in the insert and then answer **Question 4**.

Question 4

You are Annie. Two months later, you are in LA. You are interviewed by Marty Green on his popular TV show. Marty asks the following three questions only:

- Can you outline the daily challenges you faced on your journey?
- How did you feel about the ways different people reacted to you?
- What do you think you have achieved by completing your journey?

Use your own words to write Annie’s responses to each of the interviewer’s questions.

Write about 250 to 300 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for reading and up to 10 marks for writing.

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