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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/13

Paper 1 Reading Passage (Core)

October/November 2013

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passages for use with all questions on this Question Paper. The Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **9** printed pages, **3** blank pages and **1** Reading Booklet insert.



Read carefully the passage *Father's Unusual Behaviour* in the Reading Booklet Insert, and then answer all the questions on this Question Paper.

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Question 1

(a) Why did Christopher go into the garden (lines 2–3)?

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(b) Explain, **using your own words**, what Christopher expected his mother would do when she came out to the garden (paragraph one, 'On that day...').

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(c) In which room were Uncle Philip and Christopher's mother holding their meeting (paragraph one, 'On that day...')?

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(d) Re-read lines 17–34. Explain, **using own words**, how Christopher and his parents react to Uncle Philip's suggestion of going to the races.

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(e) Which phrase in the paragraph beginning 'The only other memories...' explains why Christopher found his father's boasting to be 'odd' (line 38)?

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(f) Give **two** short phrases used by the narrator from the whole passage which tell you that he is describing events from many years before.

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- [2]

(g) Explain, **using your own words**, what the narrator means by the words in italics in the following phrases:

(i) 'in her *wonderfully carrying* tones' (line 4)
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(ii) 'I *read the situation* with *some accuracy*' (line 28)
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(iii) '*conspicuous enthusiasm*' (line 31)
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[Turn over for Question 1(h)]

(h) Re-read paragraphs three to twelve (My father smiled...told me already:).

The narrator uses the following phrases to describe his father and mother.

Choose **three** of the phrases and then explain how each one of them helps you to understand Christopher's impression of his parents.

- *'smiled, then drifted past me'* (line 13)
- *'A little excitement might do us all some good.'* (lines 25–26)
- *'found boastfulness in others embarrassing'* (line 37)
- *'Yes, darling. You've told me already.'* (line 48)

Phrase:

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Question 2

Imagine that you are the police detective investigating the disappearance of Christopher's father, Mr Banks. You interview the following **three** characters: Christopher, his mother (Mrs Banks) and Uncle Philip.

Write your report following these interviews in which you explain:

- what happened on the day of the meeting
- what you have learnt about Christopher's father at home **and** at the office
- the thoughts and feelings of the **three** characters about Christopher's father
- why you think Mr Banks might have disappeared.

You should base your ideas on what you have read in the passage, but do not copy from it. Address each of the four bullet points.

Begin your report: 'The following report is based on information given by... '.

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, and up to 10 marks for the quality of your writing.

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A series of 24 horizontal dotted lines for writing answers.

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