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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Reading

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

1 hour 45 minutes

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
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Answer **all** questions in **both** Section 1 and Section 2.
The insert contains the two reading passages.
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The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the beginning or end of each question or part question.

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Section 1: Reading for Ideas

Read **Passage 1** in the insert and answer **all** the questions below in the order set.

1 (a) Notes [15 Marks]

Identify and write down the information from the passage which describes the advantages and disadvantages of keeping animals in captivity.

USE ONLY THE MATERIAL FROM PARAGRAPH 2 TO PARAGRAPH 5 INCLUSIVE.

At this stage, you need NOT use your own words. To help you get started, the first point in each section of notes is done for you. You will be awarded up to 15 marks for **content** points.

MAIN POINTS**Advantages of keeping animals in captivity**

- *Veterinary surgeons give medical attention / medicines*

Disadvantages of keeping animals in captivity

- *Animals are kept in small spaces*

2 From paragraph 4, select and write down **two** opinions.

One opinion is
..... [1]

Another opinion is
..... [1]

3 From your **own** knowledge or experience, give **two** advantages of keeping animals in captivity, OR **two** disadvantages, OR **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage. Do **not** refer to specific examples from the passage in your answer.

One advantage / disadvantage is.....
..... [1]

One advantage / disadvantage is.....
..... [1]

4 Based on your reading **of the whole passage**, which of the following statements is correct? Tick the box you have chosen.

Society in general is against keeping animals in captivity.

Society in general is undecided about keeping animals in captivity.

Society in general is in favour of keeping animals in captivity.

[1]

Section 2: Reading for Meaning

Read **Passage 2** in the insert and answer **all** the questions below in the order set.

From paragraph 1

- 5 (a) What was the relationship between Akira and Ling?

..... [1]

- (b) What **one** aspect of the behaviour of 'other servants in the neighbourhood' might have made them popular with children?

..... [1]

- (c) What is it about Akira's attitude to Ling which 'puzzled' the writer? Answer **in your own words**.

.....

 [2]

From paragraph 2

- 6 (a) Before he 'grew older', how did Akira behave in the presence of Ling?

..... [1]

- (b) Explain **in your own words** what Akira 'recited in a curious monotone' about Ling to the writer.

.....

 [2]

From paragraph 3

- 7 (a) Explain **in no more than twelve words** what, according to Akira, his family's 'darkest secret' was.

.....
 [2]

- (b) Akira referred to his family's darkest 'secret'. Pick out and write down the **single** word used elsewhere in the paragraph which is linked to this idea of secrecy.

..... [1]



From paragraph 4

8 (a) In what two ways did Akira show his nervousness when he went near Ling's room?

(i)
.....

(ii)
..... [2]

(b) What exactly was the result of Akira's 'goadings and bullying'?

.....
..... [1]

From paragraph 5

9 Explain fully the reason for Akira's 'triumphant flourish' of his hand.

.....
.....
..... [2]

From paragraph 6

10 (a) For what two reasons did the writer not ridicule Akira's 'attempt to preserve a fantasy'?

(i)
.....

(ii)
..... [2]

(b) What effect does the word 'hissed' have which would not be achieved by the word 'said'?

.....
..... [1]

From paragraph 7

11 (a) If Akira's 'difficulty' had not arisen, how would he have behaved?

.....
 [1]

(b) What were the 'wider repercussions' of the boys' theft?

.....
 [1]

12 Choose five of the following words. For each of them give **one** word or short phrase (of not more than seven words) which has the same meaning that the word has in the passage.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. listlessly (line 2) | 5. obsession (line 21) |
| 2. embarrassed (line 8) | 6. resolve (line 28) |
| 3. curious (line 12) | 7. exaggerated (line 39) |
| 4. glanced (line 14) | 8. evaporated (line 41) |

Five words chosen (from list above)	Answer	
()	[1]
()	[1]
()	[1]
()	[1]
()	[1]

[5]

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