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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2023
SECONDARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1184/02

Paper 2 Comprehension

Friday 25 August 2023

1 hour 50 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Booklet.

Additional Materials: Insert

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, class and register number clearly in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Write in dark blue or black ballpoint pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue, correction fluid/tape or highlighters..

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided on the Question Paper.

The Insert contains the texts for all the sections.

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

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This document consists of **8** printed pages and **1** insert.

Section A [5 marks]

Refer to the online poster (**Text 1**) and the social media post (**Text 2**) on page 2 of the Insert for Questions 1–4.

1. Look at Text 1. Tick (✓) the most effective title for the image in this poster

- ☐ Empowering Change: Deterrence Against Animal Abuse
- ☐ Think Twice before Owning a Pet
- ☐ Silent Suffering of our Voiceless Friends

[1]

- 2 The poster states that 'They are at the mercy of humans'.

What is suggested by the phrase 'at the mercy of humans'?

[1]

- 3 Identify the sentence in Text 2 which reflects the idea of Text 1 that animals should not be neglected.

[1]

- 4 Look at Texts 1 and 2 and statements (a) and (b) below.

Decide whether the statements refer to Text 1, Text 2, both texts or neither text.

Circle the answer you have chosen for each statement.

- (a) Readers are told they can take action against animal abuse.

Text 1 / Text 2 / Both / Neither

- (b) The tone appeals to a reader's emotions.

Text 1 / Text 2 / Both / Neither

[2]

Section B [20 marks]

Refer to **Text 3** on pages 3 and 4 of the Insert for Questions 5–16.

- 5 In Paragraph 1, the group of men were making their way to Carson City. Explain how the language used in the paragraph emphasises the difficulties the travellers faced when making their journey. Support your answer with **two** details from Paragraph 1.

[2]

- 6 In Paragraph 1, the writer uses the simile 'like a relentless storm, sweeping away all doubts and hesitation' (lines 8–9). What does the simile suggest about Ollendorff's attitude towards guiding his companions to Carson City?

[1]

- 7 In Paragraph 1, the writer says, 'we plodded along' (line 10). What does this description suggest about how the travellers were moving during the journey?

[1]

- 8 The travellers thought that they were 'gaining on' their 'predecessors' (line 13). Find **two** pieces of evidence which explain why the travellers thought that the first group of travellers was nearby.

(a) _____ [1]

(b) _____ [1]

- 9 Give **one** detail from Paragraph 2 which indicates they were going in circles.

[1]

- 10 What is particularly effective about the phrase 'exceptionally hostile opinion' (line 20)?

[1]

- 11 In Paragraph 4, 'Ollendorff and his "mental compass" fell into disgrace' (lines 21–22). What does this sentence suggest how the travellers felt towards Ollendorff as a guide?

[1]

- 12 The writer claimed that 'the situation was desperate' (line 25). Explain how this claim is supported with reference to **three** pieces of evidence from Paragraph 4.

[3]

- 13 In Paragraph 5, the travellers 'proceeded with the momentous experiment' (line 34). What was the outcome of the 'momentous experiment'?

[1]

- 14 Referring to Paragraph 6, explain **in your own words** why the writer released the reins.

[2]

- 15 Give **one** piece of evidence from Paragraph 6 which suggests that the travellers felt hopeless.

[1]

- 16** The structure of the text reflects the travellers' thoughts and emotions during their journey to Carson City. Complete the flow chart by choosing one phrase from the box to summarise the main thoughts or feelings presented in each part of this text. There are some extra phrases in the box you do not need to use.

Travellers' thoughts and emotions

Feeling shocked Great expectations Feelings of defeat Great confidence Feelings of resentment A fit of rage Growing confusion

Flow chart

Paragraph 1:	(i)	_____
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Paragraph 2:	(ii)	_____
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Paragraph 5:	(iii)	_____
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Paragraph 6:	(iv)	_____
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Section C [25 marks]

Refer to Text 4 on pages 5 and 6 of the Insert for Questions 17–26.

- 17 The writer says that many studies show ‘marked differences between Chinese and Westerners when it comes to parenting’ (lines 7-8). With reference to Paragraph 1, what is the ultimate question asked by many when they look at Chinese parenting?

[1]

- 18 In Paragraph 1, what does the word ‘squeamishness’ tell us about how some people feel about cultural stereotypes?

[1]

- 19 Paragraph 2 says ‘it is crucial to override their preference’ (line 10). According to the writer, what is the children’s preference?

[1]

- 20 Give **one** piece of evidence from Paragraph 2 which suggests that people in America do not place much value in getting a child to practise doing something over and over again.

[1]

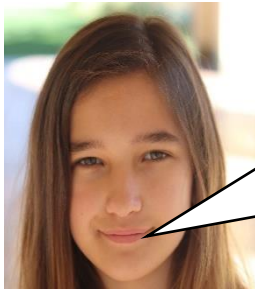
- 21 With reference to Paragraph 3, how do western parents approach their children’s performance and self-esteem?

[1]

- 22 In Paragraph 3, the writer states parents will ‘punish and shame the child’ (line 27). **In your own words**, explain what this expression means.

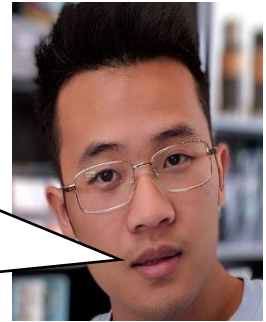
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- 23 Here is part of a conversation between two students, Felize and Junhao, who have read the article.



Felize

Strict Chinese parents work tirelessly to ensure their children get lots of support and guidance.



Junhao

I agree, but I also think that the strict Chinese parenting style has repercussions on their children.

- (a) Give **one** piece of evidence from Paragraph 3 to support Felize's view.

[1]

- (b) Give **one** piece of evidence from Paragraph 4 to support Junhao's view.

[1]

- 24 In Paragraph 4, Chinese parenting is often thought to be authoritarian. According to the writer, which sentence best reflects this opinion?

[1]

- 25 What is the writer's tone when he makes this comment, 'For a Western child, this is ludicrous' (line 39)?

[1]

- 26** Using your own words as far as possible, summarise the beliefs that Chinese parents have that characterise their parenting style and criticisms levelled against it.

Use only information from Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Text 4.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (not note form). It must not be longer than 80 words (not counting the words given to help you begin).

One belief that Chinese parents have about raising children is _____

[illegible]

No of words: [15]

