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Paper 2 Fiction

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1 hour 10 minutes

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 or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading text.

This document has **8** pages.

Section A: Reading

Spend 35 minutes on this section.

Read the **text** in the insert, and answer Questions 1–13.

1 Look at lines 4–7. The man in the grey suit is trying to move without attracting attention. Give **one** phrase that tells the reader this.

.....

[1]

2 Look at lines 8–11.
Why does the writer use commas (,)?

.....

[1]

3 Look at lines 12–17.
What does the man's response to Hector's question tell the reader?
Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

The man enjoyed the magic show that Hector performed.

The man is trying to avoid answering Hector's question.

The man has been looking forward to meeting Hector.

The man expects Hector to greet him more politely.

The man is meeting Hector for the very first time.

[2]

4 Look at lines 18–21.
How do Hector's actions in this paragraph link back to the action in line 8?

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[1]

5 Look at lines 22–24.

How does the man's statement relate to the comments Hector made earlier?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

It shows that Hector has misjudged the man's feelings.

It expresses an opinion different from Hector's.

It confirms what Hector thinks about the man's opinion.

It criticises the tone of Hector's comments.

[1]

6 Look at lines 25–31.

(a) Hector emphasises the word *magicians*.

Why?

.....

[1]

(b) Hector uses a metaphor to compare himself to other magicians.

Explain what this tells the reader about what Hector thinks of himself.

.....
.....

[2]

7 Look at lines 32–35.

What does the man intend to convey about the audience's reaction with the word *perplexing*?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The audience should have applauded Hector more.

The audience gave Hector more praise than he deserved.

The audience were unable to understand Hector's tricks.

The audience were disappointed by the mistakes Hector made.

[1]

8 Look at line 36.

Explain how the narrative changes focus at this point.

[2]

9 Look at lines 37–38.

What does the exclamation mark (!) tell the reader about Hector's feelings?

[1]

10 Look at lines 39–42.

How does the reader's understanding of the second sentence depend on the first sentence?

[1]

11 Look at the dialogue between Hector and Celia (lines 43–57).

Hector and Celia have a good relationship. Do you agree?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Yes

No

Give **two** reasons for your choice.

Support each reason with a quotation.

First reason:

Quotation:

Second reason:

Quotation:

[4]

12 Look at lines 58–68.

(a) Give a phrase that emphasises the effort Celia makes when demonstrating her ability to the man.

..... [1]

(b) What does Celia do that changes the man's opinion of her?

..... [1]

13 Look at the whole text.

(a) Why does the writer refer to one character as *the man in the grey suit* throughout the text?

..... [1]

(b) Do you think that Hector wants to gain the respect of the man in the grey suit?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Yes

No

Give **two** reasons for your choice.

Support each reason with a quotation.

First reason:

Quotation:

Second reason:

Quotation:

[4]

Section B: Writing

Spend 35 minutes on this section.

14 Write a story in which one of the characters has a special power that must be kept secret until the time comes when it is necessary to use it.

Think about:

- who the character is and what the special power is
- when and where they have to reveal the power for the first time
- what happens when they use the power.

Use the box below to plan your answer.

Write your answer on the lines on the next page.

Space for your plan:

Write your story on the next page.

[25 marks]

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