

PAPER 1 READING (1 hour)**Part 1**

You are going to read an extract from a novel. For questions 1–8, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Many trees in the Brackham area were brought down in the terrible storms that March. The town itself lost two great lime trees from the former market square. The disappearance of such prominent features had altered the appearance of the town centre entirely, to the annoyance of its more conservative inhabitants.

Among the annoyed, under more normal circumstances, would have been Chief Inspector Douglas Pelham, head of the local police force. But at the height of that week's storm, when the wind brought down even the mature walnut tree in his garden, Pelham had in fact been in no fit state to notice. A large and healthy man, he had for the first time in his life been seriously ill with an attack of bronchitis.

When he first complained of an aching head and tightness in his chest, his wife, Molly, had tried to persuade him to go to the doctor. Convinced that the police force could not do without him, he had, as usual, ignored her and attempted to carry on working. Predictably, though he wouldn't have listened to anyone who tried to tell him so, this had the effect of fogging his memory and shortening his temper.

line 16

It was only when his colleague, Sergeant Lloyd, took the initiative and drove him to the doctor's door that he finally gave in. By that time, he didn't have the strength left to argue with her. In no time at all, she was taking him along to the chemist's to get his prescribed antibiotics and then home to his unsurprised wife who sent him straight to bed.

When Molly told him, on the Thursday morning, that the walnut tree had been brought down during the night, Pelham hadn't been able to take it in. On Thursday evening, he had asked weakly about damage to the house, groaned thankfully when he heard there was none, and pulled the sheets over his head.

It wasn't until Saturday, when the antibiotics took effect, his temperature dropped and he got up, that he realised with a shock that the loss of the walnut tree had made a permanent difference to the appearance of the living-room. The Pelhams' large house stood in a sizeable garden. It had not come cheap, but even so Pelham had no regrets about buying it. The leafy garden had created an impression of privacy. Now, though, the storm had changed his outlook.

Previously, the view from the living-room had featured the handsome walnut tree. This had not darkened the room because there was also a window on the opposite wall, but it had provided interesting patterns of light and shade that disguised the true state of the worn furniture that the family had brought with them from their previous house.

line 33

With the tree gone, the room seemed cruelly bright, its worn furnishings exposed in all their shabbiness. And the view from the window didn't bear looking at. The tall house next door, previously hidden by the tree, was now there, dominating the outlook with its unattractive purple bricks and external pipes. It seemed to have a great many upstairs windows, all of them watching the Pelhams' every movement.

'Doesn't it look terrible?' Pelham croaked to his wife.

But Molly, standing in the doorway, sounded more pleased than dismayed. 'That's what I've been telling you ever since we came here. We have to buy a new sofa, whatever it costs.'

- 1 Why were some people in Brackham annoyed after the storm?
 - A The town looked different.
 - B The police had done little to help.
 - C No market could be held.
 - D Fallen trees had not been removed.
- 2 In the third paragraph, what do we learn about Chief Inspector Pelham's general attitude to his work?
 - A He finds it extremely annoying.
 - B He is sure that he fulfils a vital role.
 - C He considers the systems are not clear enough.
 - D He does not trust the decisions made by his superiors.
- 3 Who does 'her' in line 16 refer to?
 - A Molly Pelham
 - B the doctor
 - C the chemist
 - D Sergeant Lloyd
- 4 When Inspector Pelham's wife first told him about the walnut tree, he appeared to be
 - A worried.
 - B shocked.
 - C saddened.
 - D uninterested.
- 5 What aspect of the Pelhams' furniture does 'shabbiness' in line 33 describe?
 - A its colour
 - B its condition
 - C its position
 - D its design
- 6 As a result of the storm, the Pelhams' living-room
 - A was pleasantly lighter.
 - B felt less private.
 - C had a better view.
 - D was in need of repair.
- 7 Why did Molly sound pleased by her husband's comment?
 - A It proved that he was well again.
 - B She agreed about the tree.
 - C She thought he meant the sofa.
 - D It was what she expected him to say.
- 8 From what we learn of Inspector Pelham, he could best be described as
 - A open-minded.
 - B well-liked.
 - C warm-hearted.
 - D strong-willed.

PART 2**QUESTIONS 6–10**

Read the sentences (6–10) about a birthday.

Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space.

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EXAMPLE	ANSWER
0 Nina up early that morning because it was her birthday. A stood B woke C came	B

6 Nina was very because she got lots of presents.

A interesting B lovely C happy

7 She some friends to her house for a party.

A decided B agreed C invited

8 Her mother made a big chocolate with 'Happy Birthday' on the top.

A meal B cake C dish

9 Nina and her friends had a great time, singing and dancing and to their favourite music.

A listening B hearing C looking

10 When they had to go, everybody Nina and her mother for the party.

A said B thanked C told

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EXAMPLE	ANSWER
0 Nick and Charles wanted to spend a in the country. A day B time C moment	A

6 They got off the bus when the stopped outside a small village.

A pilot B driver C passenger

7 There was a into a field so they climbed over it.

A door B garden C gate

8 They at the map to check which way to go.

A watched B looked C saw

9 They walked for two hours until they to a river.

A arrived B came C crossed

10 It was a lovely place so they down and had a picnic on the grass.

A sat B put C stood

Part 4

For questions **35–42**, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

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CARRY

You must instructions exactly.

The gap can be filled by the words 'carry out the manager's', so you write:

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Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

- 35 We had to finish all the work before we could leave.

UNTIL

We had to stay all the work.

- 36 Tim had not expected the concert to be so good.

BETTER

The concert had expected.

- 37 If Cheryl doesn't train harder, she'll never get into the swimming team.

DOES

Cheryl will never get into the swimming team more training.

- 38 'Do you realise what the time is, Steve?' asked Chris.

WHAT

Chris asked Steve it was.

- 39 The company decided to advertise the job in a national newspaper.

PUT

The company decided to the job in a national newspaper.

- 40 At the end of his speech, the winner thanked his parents.

FINISHED

The winner his parents.

- 41 I applied for the job a month ago.

MONTH

It I applied for the job.

- 42 They received many letters of support after they had appeared on television.

FOLLOWING

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- 35 John is interested in knowing more about astronomy.

LIKE

John more about astronomy.

- 36 Because of the parade, we weren't allowed to park in the High Street.

LET

Because of the parade, the police wouldn't in the High Street.

- 37 'Did you see that film on television on Saturday?' Susan asked me.

SEEN

Susan wanted to know that film on television on Saturday.

- 38 'I'm afraid these jeans have a hole in them,' Tania told the shop assistant.

THERE

'I'm afraid that these jeans,' Tania told the shop assistant.

- 39 Dan never takes any notice of my advice.

ATTENTION

Dan never my advice.

- 40 'Can I borrow your bicycle, Sarah?' asked Frank.

LEND

Frank asked Sarah her bicycle.

- 41 Maybe Peter forgot that we changed the time of the meeting.

MIGHT

Peter that we changed the time of the meeting.

- 42 All the children enjoy themselves at this summer camp.

FUN

Every at this summer camp.

Test 4

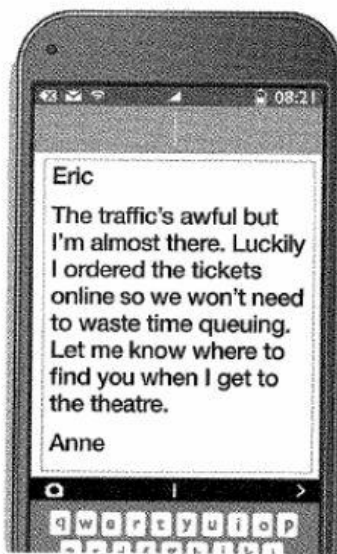
READING (45 minutes)

Part 1

Questions 1–5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

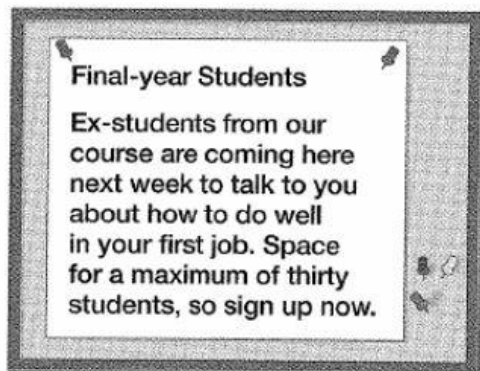
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Why is Anne texting?

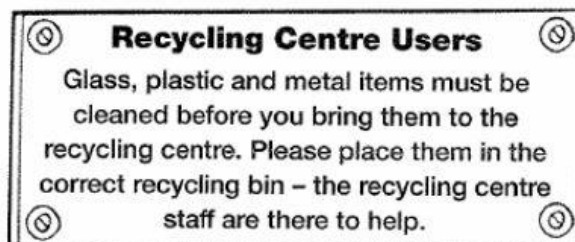
- A to ask Eric if he can do her a favour
- B to remind Eric about what they have agreed
- C to give Eric an update regarding their arrangement

2



- A Students of any year group are able to come to the careers talk.
- B Students should go to the talk if they need help applying for a job.
- C Students must register quickly because places at the event are limited.

3



- A Recycling centre staff will clean items for recycling.
- B Certain items need to be washed before they are recycled.
- C All items can be placed in the same recycling bin.