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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/11

Paper 1 Reading Passage (Core)

May/June 2012

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Reading Booklet Insert

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.

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

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

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

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Question 1

Read carefully the passage *My Tutor Kralesky* in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer all the questions.

- (a) Kralesky lives in an apartment in a large house. Give **two** details from paragraph one (Kralesky lived ...) about the outside of this house.

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• [2]

- (b) Give **two** details from paragraph one (Kralesky lived ...) which show that Gerry was not over keen on visiting his new tutor.

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- (c) Which phrase in lines 13–14 tells you that Kralesky is both good-natured and correct in his behaviour?

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- (d) Re-read paragraph two (I decided ...). Choose **three** phrases used by the writer which describe Kralesky's strange appearance and character.

Explain how each of these phrases helps to convey this sense of eccentricity.

Phrase:

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- (e) Explain, **using your own words**, Gerry's reaction to Kralefsky's comment about how they must become friends (line 24).

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- (f) Give **two** reasons why Kralefsky decided to take Gerry to see his birds before they started the lesson.

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- (g) Explain the writer's deliberate contrast in the phrase 'gates of Paradise in the grubby corridor' (line 40).

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- (h) Explain, **using your own words**, what the writer means by

- (i) 'exclaimed rapturously' (line 22)

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- (ii) 'volunteered modestly' (line 33)

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- (iii) 'danced nimbly' (line 48)

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- Write a paragraph of about 50–70 words.

[7]

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Imagine you are Gerry. When you get home you tell your older brother about your lesson with Kralefsky. You should tell your brother:

- Write the account of the conversation between Gerry and his brother.**

You should base your ideas on what you have read in the passage, but do not copy from it.

You should 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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