



# Cambridge International AS Level

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#### **ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER**

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Paper 2 Comprehension

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Answer all questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- 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.
- Dictionaries are not allowed.

#### **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 all the resources referred to in the questions.

## **Section A**

## Read the material for Section A in the insert before answering the questions in Section A.

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(c)	Explain two reasons why Lydia,	Max's mother, might prefer a	a wedding reception a	at the family
	farm.			

reason 1	
reason 2	
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[4]



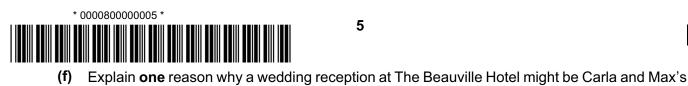
Do not refer to The Beauville Hotel.

(d) Explain why Henry and Matilda, Carla's parents, might prefer to host the wedding reception on their family farm.

Answer in continuous prose.
[10]
Identify the <b>one</b> piece of evidence that suggests Lydia might be scared to attend a wedding reception on the family farm.
[1]

(e)

(g)



preferred option.
[2]
With reference to the phone conversation <b>only</b> , explain why Henry might be having doubts about Carla's engagement.
[2]

## **Section B**

## Read the material for Section B in the insert before answering the questions in Section B.

(a)	Identif	y <b>two</b> different language features used to capture the reader's attention (lines 1–5)	-
	1		
	2		
			[2]
(b)	Identif	y the <b>exact</b> word <b>in the material</b> that means the following:	
	(i)	superficial (lines 3–9)	
			[1]
	(ii)	visible (lines 10–15)	
	(11)	visible (iiiles 10–10)	[1]
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	(111)	flourished (lines 42–47)	
			[1]
	(iv)	possibility (lines 42–47).	
			[1]
(c)	Explai	n how using fire transformed life for early humans (lines 20–27).	
	Answe	er in about 30 words.	
			[3]



(d)	Using your own words as far as possible, state the meaning of the following five phrases as
	they are used in the material:

	(1)	the talk was relatively mundane (line 28)	
	(ii)	devoted to complaints about group members (lines 29–30)	[1]
	(iii)	some were funny, others exciting (line 31)	[1]
	(iv)	contained information about social behaviour (line 32)	[1]
	(v)	visited for help during times of hardship (lines 33–34).	[1]
(e)	Explai	n how having a campfire encouraged cooperation between early humans (lines 36–	[1] 41).
	Answe	er in about 30 words.	
			[3]



)	you	r opinion, suggest <b>one</b> way fire could occur naturally in the environment of early huma	aris.
•			[1]
)	(i)	Contrast the effects on volunteers when they watched a video of a campfire and a si upside-down image of a fire.	tatic
	<i></i>		[1]
	(ii)	Identify another factor that affected blood pressure in the same experiment.	
			[1]
)	Explai	n the possible link between watching flickering flames and dramatic scene-cuts in mov	/ies.
			[3]
	In you	r opinion, suggest <b>one</b> example of a negative effect of watching television.	
	Justify	your choice.	
	Do <b>no</b>	t repeat material from Section B.	
			[2]















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