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SENG KANG SECONDARY SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
SECONDARY TWO EXPRESS

Paper 2 Comprehension

23 September 2024

1 hour 50 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper

Additional Materials: Insert

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, class and index number on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** questions.
Write your answers in the spaces provided in the Question Paper.
The Insert contains the texts for all sections.

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

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Section C	/ 25
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Section A [5 marks]

Refer to the infographic (**Text 1**) and the social media post (**Text 2**) on page 2 of the Insert for Questions 1–3.

- 1** Refer to the main image in the middle of Text 1. How does the image support the statement “When it comes to flu, sharing isn’t caring?”

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 [2]

- 2** Quote a sentence in Text 2 that shares a similar idea to Text 1 of “Stop[ping] the spread”.

..... [1]

- 3** 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)** The purpose of the text is to criticise the lack of hygiene.

Text 1 / Text 2 / Both / Neither

- (b)** The text has an informative tone.

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 4 –11.

- 4 (a) In Paragraph 1, the writer says that he is not particularly fond of dogs. Explain how the language used in this paragraph emphasises his dislike of them. Support your ideas with **two** details from the paragraph.

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[2]

- (b) Which phrase in the same paragraph tells us that the writer was surprised by the feelings he came to have for Siri?

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[1]

- 5 (a) From Paragraph 2, what traits did Siri possess that were characteristic of a Labrador Retriever?

(i)

(ii)

[2]

- (b) What was amusing about the way Siri would respond during a game of ball?

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[1]

- 6 From Paragraph 3, 'Whenever we're in Sri Lanka, a stay at Sonali's place is always a welcome respite from the diesel exhaust and garbage-ridden streets of Colombo.' (lines 15 – 16)

- (a) What does the phrase 'diesel exhaust and garbage-ridden' suggest about the streets of Colombo?

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[1]

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- (b) From the same paragraph, explain what made Sonali's place a 'welcome respite' for the writer and his wife.

(i)

(ii)
 [2]

- 7 From Paragraph 4, the old caretaker thinks that something bad may have happened to Siri. Using **two** pieces of evidence from the same paragraph, explain how the caretaker's opinion is supported by Tunza's unusual behaviour.

Evidence	Explanation

[2]

- 8 (a) In Paragraph 5, state **one** contrast that the writer makes between the behaviour of the geckos, and that of himself and his wife.

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 [1]

- (b) What is the writer trying to emphasise through this contrast?

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 [1]

- 9 In Paragraph 7, the writer describes the search for Siri's remains, 'I climbed the nearest palu tree, where I positioned myself with the binoculars at the best vantage point. With the binoculars, I scanned the vava for any signs of danger. The two of them waded in slowly.' (lines 44 – 46)

Which words or phrases in the given sentences describe their cautious approach to the search?

Descriptions	Words or phrases from the passage
carefully observed	
cautiously stepped into the water	

[2]

- 10 From Paragraph 8, give **two** reasons why, according to the writer, Siri was preyed on by the crocodile.

(i)

(ii)

[1]

- 11** The structure of the text reflects the writer's feelings at different stages of the story. Complete the flow chart below by choosing one word from the box to summarise his feeling at each stage. There are some extra words in the box that you do not need to use.

The writer's feeling at each stage

nostalgia dread grief frustration confusion concern anticipation
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Paragraphs 1 - 2: **(i)**



Paragraph 3: **(ii)**



Paragraphs 4 - 6: **(iii)**



Paragraphs 7 - 8: **(iv)**

[4]

Section C [25 marks]

Refer to **Text 4** on pages 5 and 6 of the Insert for Questions 12–18.

12 According to Paragraph 1, why do people engage in slum tourism?

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 [1]

13 According to Paragraph 2, how do tour operators provide tourists with 'immersive travel experiences' in the slums (line 7)?

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 [1]

14 From Paragraph 2, give **two** reasons why slum tourism is considered problematic? **Answer in your own words.**

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 [2]

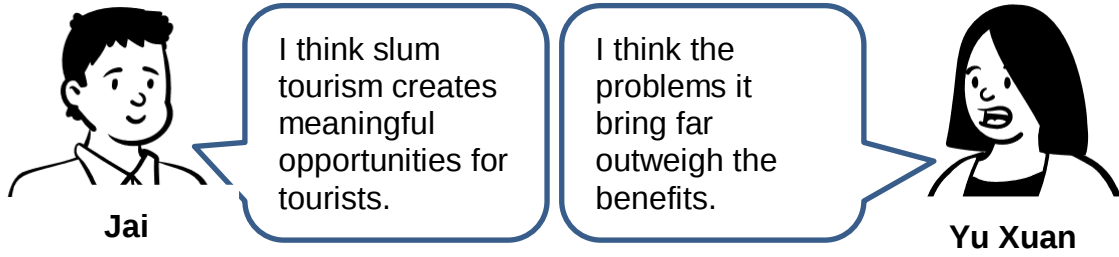
15 Find a word in Paragraph 3 that has similar meaning to 'taking advantage of others'?

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 [1]

16 How is slum tourism a 'degrading experience' (line 17) for tourists and residents?

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- 17 Here is a part of a conversation between two students, Jai and Yu Xuan, who have read the article.



- (a) Give **two** pieces of evidence from Paragraph 2 to support Jai's view.

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- (b) Give **two** pieces of evidence from Paragraph 4 to support Yu Xuan's view.

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- 18 **Using your own words as far as possible**, summarise the different ways that slum tourism can be detrimental, and ways to prevent this.

Use only information from Paragraphs **6 to 7** 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 way that slum tourism can be detrimental is that

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