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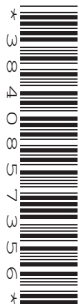
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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1123/21**

Paper 2 Reading

**May/June 2021**

**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.
- 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 the reading passages.

This document has **8** pages.





2 Re-read paragraphs 4, 5, and 6, and give **one** opinion from each of these paragraphs.

Paragraph 4 .....  
..... [1]

Paragraph 5 .....  
..... [1]

Paragraph 6 .....  
..... [1]

[Total: 25]

**Section 2: Reading for Meaning**

Read **Passage 2**, *Tending The Olive Trees*, in the insert and answer **all** the questions below.

From paragraph 1

- 3 (a) How can we tell that the summer was likely to be a particularly hot one?  
.....  
..... [1]
- (b) The husband's arrangement was 'long-standing'. Give the phrase used later in the paragraph which conveys an opposite idea.  
..... [1]

From paragraph 2

- 4 (a) Why did the writer phone Rene for help?  
..... [1]
- (b) (i) What approach to treating the trees did Rene recommend?  
..... [1]
- (ii) What approach did the writer prefer?  
..... [1]

From paragraph 3

- 5 (a) Infected trees could 'jeopardise our status as olive farmers'. Explain **in your own words** what the writer fears could happen.  
.....  
.....  
..... [2]
- (b) 'Rene had an edge to his voice'. What emotion do you think he was feeling?  
..... [1]
- (c) Rene's advice to the writer is 'Trust my expertise'. Give the sentence earlier in the paragraph which shows he knows what he is talking about.  
..... [1]

From paragraph 4

6 (a) Why do you think it is 'understandable' that, if Quashia had been there, he would have done most of the work? Give **two** reasons.

- (i) .....
  - .....
  - (ii) .....
  - .....
- [2]

(b) Apart from the fact that Quashia wasn't there to help, why did the writer offer to be Rene's assistant?

.....

..... [1]

(c) When the writer suggested she could be Rene's assistant, he muttered 'incomprehensible misgivings'. Explain **in your own words** what his reaction was.

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..... [2]

From paragraph 5

7 Why did they have to take the hosepipe on foot?

.....

..... [1]

From paragraph 6

8 Why do you think Rene 'stood no taller than a matchstick'?

.....

..... [1]

## 9 From paragraphs 2–5

For each of the words below, circle the letter (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) which has the same meaning that the word has in the passage.

(a) **naïve** (line 9)

**A** wrong      **B** innocent      **C** surprising      **D** silly      [1]

(b) **solemnly** (line 11)

**A** slowly      **B** gently      **C** seriously      **D** energetically      [1]

(c) **reiterated** (line 24)

**A** complained      **B** regretted      **C** explained      **D** repeated      [1]

(d) **hint** (line 28)

**A** suggestion      **B** laugh      **C** question      **D** look      [1]

(e) **restricted** (line 33)

**A** controlled      **B** reduced      **C** forbidden      **D** removed      [1]

10 Re-read paragraphs 1 and 2, which contain expressions telling us about (a) the arrival of summer and (b) the olive trees.

Give:

- the **meaning** of each expression as it is used in the passage
- the **effect** of each expression as it is used in the passage.

(a) 'at a galloping pace' (line 1)

Meaning: .....

.....

Effect: .....

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[2]

(b) 'olive trees are prey to flies' (line 12)

Meaning: .....

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Effect: .....

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[2]

[Total: 25]

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