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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1A
READING
Question-Answer Book

(1 hour)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your Candidate Number in the space provided on Page 1.
2. Stick your barcode labels in the space provided on Pages 1 and 3.
3. Answer **ALL** questions.
4. The reading passages are in a separate booklet. Write your answers clearly and neatly in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book. Use a pencil to write your answers. **DO NOT WRITE IN THE MARGINS.**
5. For multiple-choice questions, blacken the appropriate circle with a pencil. Wrong marks must be completely erased with a clean rubber. Mark only **ONE** answer to each question. Two or more answers will score **NO MARKS**.
6. **DO NOT** take away the reading passages booklet. It will be collected separately at the end of the examination.
7. Supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your Candidate Number and stick a barcode label on each sheet and fasten them with string **INSIDE** this Question-Answer Book.

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Part 3		
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**Marker's
Use Only****Part 1**

Choose the best answer and blacken **ONE** circle only for each question. The first one has been done for you as an example (7 marks)

Which boarding school:	Ivy Ridge	Majestic Ranch	Spring Creek Lodge	
a) makes it easier for students to concentrate on their studies?	☐	☐	☒	
1. used not to be a boarding school?	☐	☐	☐	1
2. teaches students how to raise animals?	☐	☐	☐	2
3. emphasises putting ideas into practice?	☐	☐	☐	3
4. enables students to do experiments?	☐	☐	☐	4
5. enables students to relax?	☐	☐	☐	5
6. targets two age groups?	☐	☐	☐	6
7. is the biggest?	☐	☐	☐	7

Decide whether the statements below are **True**, **False** or the information is **Not Given**. Blacken **ONE** circle only for each statement. The first one has been done for you as an example. (6 marks)

	True	False	Not Given	
b) The Academy at Ivy Ridge encourages reading among students.	☒	☐	☐	
8. The Academy at Ivy Ridge is a prestigious boarding school.	☐	☐	☐	8
9. Majestic Ranch Academy is for senior students.	☐	☐	☐	9
10. Achieving personal growth through ranch life is a new idea.	☐	☐	☐	10
11. Spring Creek Lodge admits both arts and science students.	☐	☐	☐	11
12. Spring Creek Lodge is too remote.	☐	☐	☐	12
13. The success of Spring Creek Lodge remains to be seen.	☐	☐	☐	13

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Write your answers to questions 14 – 18 on the lines provided.

(5 marks)

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14. Can students live in The Academy at Ivy Ridge?

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15. What is so special with the location of Spring Creek Lodge?

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16. How does the location of Spring Creek Lodge help students?

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17. What are students of Majestic Ranch Academy required to do apart from working on the ranch?

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18. Catherine works in one of the three boarding schools. She has considerable administrative experience. Which boarding school does she work in?

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Complete the following so that the text means the same as the original in the 'Spring Creek Lodge' text. Use **ONE** word for each gap. (5 marks)

While Spring Creek Lodge is (19)_____ needed services, it was built in an area which is not so easy to reach so (20)_____ students will not be distracted. Its success (21)_____ due to the (22)_____ of its staff. Its students have a powerful rewarding (23)_____.

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24. Which of the boarding schools described in Part 1 would you recommend for a couple who is choosing one with guaranteed success for their 12-year-old son? Write your answer in the box below and give two reasons to support your choice. (3 marks)

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You are writing a letter to a parent to persuade him to choose Majestic Ranch Academy for his son, who is a problem teenager. Use information from the Majestic Ranch text to fill the gaps in the paragraph below. Use **ONE** word for each gap. Some of the words you need **MAY NOT** be in the text. (7 marks)

Majestic Ranch Academy is an excellent boarding school. Located on a (25)_____ working ranch, it provides (26)_____ for students to develop a sense of (27)_____ through performing ranch (28)_____, such as (29)_____ and (30)_____. If you want to (31)_____ your child early in life, Majestic Ranch Academy is the best choice.

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Part 2

32. In the article *Storm and stress*, there is one phrase missing from each paragraph. Choose the phrase from those given below which best fills the gap in each paragraph and write the corresponding paragraph letter in the box next to the phrase. Paragraph E has been done for you as an example. (4 marks)

it is the best route to follow

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this task becomes more difficult

parents' opinion

feelings and sentiments

democratic parenting is the answer

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33. Paragraph 2 describes two actions both Gita and her parents should take to deal with their argument. Write what they should do below. (2 marks)

i) They should _____

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ii) They should _____

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34. Copy the phrase or clause from paragraph 4 that indicates parents and children should control themselves. (1 mark)

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35. Explain what the following phrases mean **as used in the text**. (2 marks)

i) **marked** (line 1) _____

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ii) **have a good eye for** (line 12) _____

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36. In the following phrases, **ONE** of the alternatives given **CANNOT** be used to replace the word(s) taken from the text. In each case blacken the circle of the alternative that **CANNOT** be used. (2 marks)

i) **storm and stress** (line 1)

- A. problems
B. changes
C. trouble
D. difficulties
E. conflicts

A B C D E
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

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ii) **develop advances in reasoning** (line 4)

- A. begin to think critically
B. like to challenge authorities
C. like to ask why
D. are disobedient
E. become irrational

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37. The phrases below are either **Positive** or **Negative** in meaning **in relation to the text**. Blacken **ONE** circle only for each item. The first one has been done for you as an example. (6 marks)

Positive **Negative**

a) doing schoolwork (line 3)

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i) question their parents' authority (line 6)

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ii) threatened by her independence (line 15)

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iii) meet a dress designer (line 15)

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iv) being 'managers' (line 21)

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v) treating them like adults (line 23)

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vi) a compromise (line 29)

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Part 3

38. The following people are in favour of (**For**), not in favour of (**Against**) or neutral (**Neutral**) to suicide websites. Blacken **ONE** circle only for each item. (3 marks)

For **Against** **Neutral**

i) The Japanese police

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ii) The authorities

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iii) Organisers of suicide websites

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Write your answers to the following questions on the lines provided. You may need to write **MORE** than one word in your answers. (5 marks)

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| 39. What does 'wave' (line 3) mean? | _____ | 54 |
| 40. What does 'This group' (line 12) refer to? | _____ | 55 |
| 41. Why do more and more Japanese commit suicide? | _____ | 56 |
| 42. What is the aim of suicide websites? | _____ | 57 |
| 43. What are young people who are socially withdrawn called? | _____ | 58 |

Below is a summary of the text in **Part 3**. Some words are missing. Provide **ONE** word for each gap which best completes the summary. Some of the words you need **MAY NOT** be in the text. The first one has been done for you as an example. (8 marks)

In recent years, there has been an (a) increase in the suicide rate in Japan. The main (44) _____ for this is that many young people feel (45) _____. They took their own lives after (46) _____ suicide websites, which help people die (47) _____. In fact, Internet-linked suicides have already (48) _____ wide public concern. The authorities demand that suicide websites (49) _____ closed down or regulated. (50) _____, organizers maintain that their websites are (51) _____ to people who are hopeless.

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52. Which of the following is the most appropriate alternative title for the text? (1 mark)

- A. Teenage problems in Japan
B. Is the Internet good for us?
C. Suicide websites
D. The loneliness of Japanese youth
E. The issue of hikikomori

A	B	C	D	E
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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