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Class _____

Instructions to candidate:

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so

Write your name, class and register number on the work you hand in
Write in dark blue or black ink

Answer all questions

Write your answers in the spaces provided for Section A

Detach Section A from Section B and C of this paper

Hand in answers to Section A, B, C AND Question Paper separately

Information for candidate:

The number of marks is given in brackets [] for each of the sections

The total marks for this paper is 70

This paper consists of 5 printed pages including the cover page

Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about a possible link between calcium and heart trouble. The first and last lines are correct. For eight of the lines, there is one grammatical error in each line. There are two more lines with no errors.

If there is NO error in a line, put a tick (✓) in the space provided.

If the line is incorrect, circle the incorrect word and write the correct word in the space provided.

The correct word you provide must not change the original meaning of the sentence.

Examples

I arrived (to) my destination at 2 pm. at _____

My mother always wears sensible clothes. ✓ _____

When it comes to predicting heart trouble, doctors essentially play a
guess game. Among all the factors they consider – such as a person's 1
age, weight, family medical history and cholesterol levels – it turns out 2
that one of the most reliable indicators may also be a bit unexpected 3
calcium. According to the latest research, learned by scientists from 4
Baptist Health South Florida medical centre in Miami, at least 35% of 5
people who having calcium buildup in their blood vessels but no other 6
heart-disease risk factors are almost four times as likely to have a heart 7
event in seven years, compared by those who have zero calcium and 8
some risk factors. There is no evidence connecting this calcium 9
deposits with the calcium we ingest from dairy products. Unless, as 10
studies like Baptist's gain traction, doctors are taking it more seriously

Adapted from *A Smarter Heart – Health Test Screening*,

Time Magazine Vol 183 Issue 10

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Section B [30 marks]

You are advised to write between 250 and 350 words for this section.

You should look at the poster on page 4, study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write

In 2013, a couple of child abuse cases at childcare centres in the news headlines had raised questions over the competencies of childcare teachers

While the incidence of child abuse in Singapore is relatively low compared to other countries, there has been an overall increase in reported cases since 2009

Internationally, it is reported that 681,000 children in the world annually suffer from some form of child abuse. The two main forms of child abuse are neglect (78.5%) and physical abuse (17.6%).

As the head prefect of your school, you have been asked by your prefect mistress to craft a speech, to be delivered to the school during assembly.

Write a speech that you will deliver to students and teachers, to raise awareness of child abuse and how to prevent it.

Your speech should include

- Some examples of child abuse
- Ways to prevent child abuse
- Two activities in which you and your prefectural board members will be organising to further spread the message
- What each student can do to encourage their friends to help victims of child abuse

Write your speech in clear, accurate English and in a serious tone to spread the message.

You should use your own words as much as possible.

YOU WON'T AMOUNT TO ANYTHING

What do you want?

You're only a kid

You're *only*
a kid

You're a slacker,
just like your father

THERE'S NO POINT IN
TRYING

YOU
CAN'T DO IT

I don't believe you

LIAR

NO

Don't Be Stupid

growUP

It's
Your
Fault

Why can't you
be more like
your sister?

Ashley does her best to make her parents proud.
But it's never enough.

Words scar.

If you have concerns about a child,
please call 416-924-4646.

CHILDREN'S
AID SOCIETY
of TORONTO

Section C [30 marks]

Begin your answer on a fresh page

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words on one of the following topics.

At the head of your composition, write the number of the topic you have chosen

- 1 Some people believe that technology is making us an increasingly alienated society. Do you agree?
- 2 Describe some of your experiences in a local or overseas community involvement project. What is the value of these experiences to you as a student in Singapore?
- 3 'There is no point in preserving the past. We should be looking to the future.' What are your views on this?
- 4 What are some lessons in life that cannot be learnt in the classroom? Why are these lessons important?

----- **END OF PAPER** -----

Section A [10 marks]

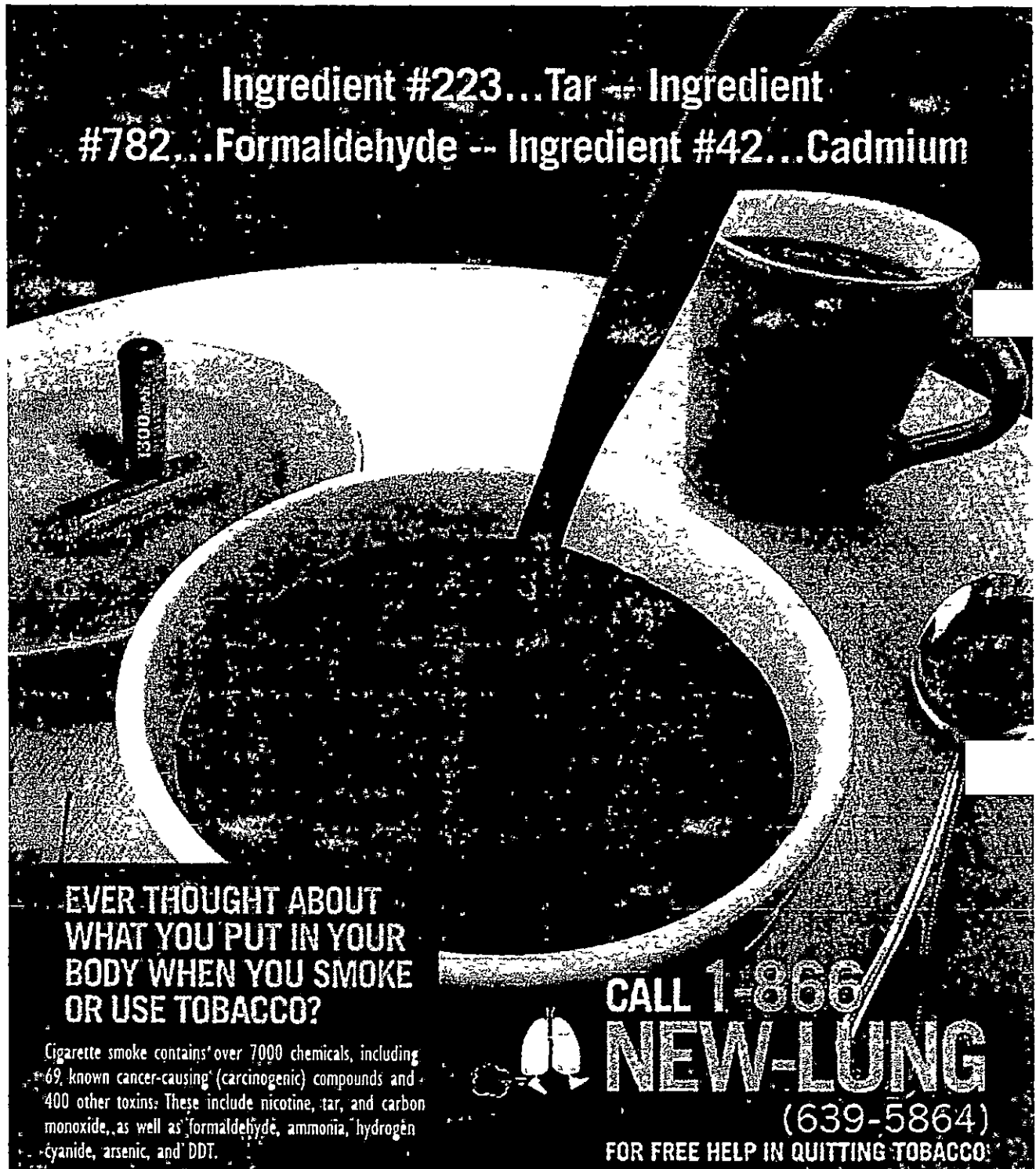
ANSWERS

When it comes to predicting heart trouble, doctors essentially play a <u>guess</u> game. Among all the factors they consider – such as a person's age, weight, family medical history and cholesterol levels – it turns out that one of the most reliable <u>indicator</u> may also be a bit unexpected: calcium. According to the latest research, <u>lead</u> by scientists from Baptist Health South Florida medical centre in Miami, at least 35% of people who <u>having</u> calcium buildup in their blood vessels but no other heart-disease risk factors are almost four times as <u>like</u> to have a heart event in seven years, compared <u>by</u> those who have zero calcium and some risk factors. There is no evidence connecting <u>this</u> calcium deposits with the calcium we ingest from dairy products. <u>Unless</u>, as studies like Baptist's gain traction, doctors are taking it more seriously. Adapted from <i>A Smarter Heart – Health Test Screening</i>, <i>Time Magazine</i> Vol 183 Issue 10	1 <u>guessing</u> 2 <u>√</u> 3 <u>indicators</u> 4 <u>led</u> 5 <u>√</u> 6 <u>have</u> 7 <u>likely</u> 8 <u>with</u> 9 <u>these</u> 10 <u>However</u>
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Section A

Text 1

Study the advertisement below and answer Questions 1 – 4 in the Question Booklet



**Ingredient #223...Tar -- Ingredient
#782...Formaldehyde -- Ingredient #42...Cadmium**

**EVER THOUGHT ABOUT
WHAT YOU PUT IN YOUR
BODY WHEN YOU SMOKE
OR USE TOBACCO?**

Cigarette smoke contains over 7000 chemicals, including 69 known cancer-causing (carcinogenic) compounds and 400 other toxins. These include nicotine, tar, and carbon monoxide, as well as formaldehyde, ammonia, hydrogen cyanide, arsenic, and DDT.

**CALL 1-866
NEW-LUNG
(639-5864)**

FOR FREE HELP IN QUITTING TOBACCO!

Section B

Text 2

The text below is about why Crimea has been a place at which violence may be expected to begin between Russia and Ukraine for decades. Read the text carefully and answer Questions 5 – 13 in the Question Booklet

- 1 The past is never past in Sevastopol. It waves from flagpoles and drapes the parade stand on patriotic holidays. It finds sanctuary in war monuments and is posted on signs: Lenin Square, Heroes of Stalingrad Street, Cinema Moscow. It even simmers in a pot of borscht. Take Galina Onischenko's version of the eastern European staple. "This is Russian borscht," she said, setting down a porcelain bowl of "green" or summer borscht with its dill-flecked mosaic of beets, carrots, and potatoes. "No lard with garlic like they put in Ukrainian borscht." 5
- 2 Galina, a 70-year-old grandmother with a cumulous cloud of white hair and stern, cornflower blue eyes, had returned to her fifth-floor walk-up from marching down Lenin Street waving a Soviet Navy flag in support of her beloved Black Sea Fleet. "Sevastopol is a Russian city. We will never put up with the fact that Ukraine is in charge," she said. 10

Though Galina would protest, borscht, according to Russian food historian, is originally Ukrainian. Though Galina protests, Sevastopol, a city in Crimea, is Ukrainian too.
- 3 The Crimean Peninsula is a diamond suspended from the south coast of Ukraine by the thin chain of the Perekop Isthmus, embraced by the Black Sea, on the same latitude as the south of France. Warm, lovely, lush, with a voluptuously curved coast of sparkling cliffs, it was a jewel of the Russian Empire, the retreat of Romanov tsars¹, and the playground of Politburo² fat cats. Officially known as the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, it has its own parliament and capital, Simferopol, but takes its orders from Kiev³. 15
- 4 Physically, politically, Crimea is Ukraine, mentally and emotionally, it identifies with Russia and provides, a journalist wrote, 'a unique opportunity for Ukrainians to feel like strangers on their own territory'. Crimea speaks to the persistence of memory - how the past lingers and subverts. 20
- 5 In 1954, Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, signed Crimea over to Ukraine as a gesture of goodwill. Galina was 14 at the time. 25

"Illegal," she said, when asked about the hand-over. "There was no referendum. No announcement. It just happened."

What was Khrushchev thinking?

"He wasn't," she snapped. "Khrushchev had roaches in his head." 30

¹ tsar – the emperor of Russia

² politburo – the executive committee and chief policymaking body of a Communist Party

³ Kiev – the capital of Ukraine

6 Crimea was a lovely present, but the box was empty. Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union anyway. "My parents discussed the transfer, but we weren't concerned," Galina said. Moscow was still in charge. No one could have ever imagined the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union, when Crimea would be pulled out of the orbit of Russian rule along with an independent Ukraine. 35

7 "Do you miss the Soviet Union?" I asked Galina, as she reminisced about the stability of life under the Soviets. Prices were artificially low. "You could get a kilo of sugar for 78 kopeks," she said. "Butter, only 60! Now, I don't even buy it." Education and medical care were free. As for a vacation, "I could go to a resort" - now completely out of the question on her monthly pension of \$130. 40

"Yes, we have a longing for the Soviet Union," she said. "But it cannot come back, no matter how much we wish."

Adapted from "Inside Crimea: A Jewel in Two Crowns" by Cathy Newman *National Geographic* 28 February 2014

Section C

Text 3

The article below is about poachers sawing off the burls of redwood trees in California's parks. Read the text carefully and answer Questions 14 – 19 in the Question Booklet.

- 1 They sneak into the park at night. They are out to saw off a block of wood from a redwood that contains a burl—a knobby growth that contains a dormant seed bud, and the damage they are doing is so serious that starting March 1, the Redwood National and State Parks in coastal northern California have closed and gated off popular Newton B. Drury Parkway, which winds through the protected lands, from sunset to sunrise. 5
- 2 Wood poachers have done increasing harm to the redwoods in recent months. Park law enforcement ranger, Laura Denny, told the Associated Press Tuesday that she could only recall 'two or three' arrests over the past 12 years. She pointed to the vast amounts of territory that rangers must cover and the fact that poachers quickly move from tree to tree. Those caught stealing wood from the parks may face felony charges and prison time, though most recent convictions have been misdemeanour fines. 10
- 3 Woodworkers prize the burls, which tend to cluster near the base of the tree but can appear farther up the trunk. They like the swirling grain patterns, particularly the circular shapes called 'eyes', and turn the burls into furniture, bowls, clocks, and knick knacks.
- 4 "We are often asked, 'What is the price of a burl?'" says park spokesperson, Jeff Bomke. "A burl is priceless if it comes from a national park that is an International Biosphere Reserve and a UNESCO World Heritage Site." 15
- 5 Local wood dealers reportedly pay \$2 to \$3 a pound for high-quality burl wood. There are legal sources for burls, from trees on private land. However, demand is high and there are fewer burls available from these legitimate sources. In the parks, the poachers at first train their chainsaws on fallen redwoods. When they run out of fallen trees, they go after standing trees. 20
- 6 Removing a burl can jeopardise the health of an individual tree – and an entire forest. When a burl is cut from a living tree, it opens up a wound that can let in insects or disease. If thieves fell a redwood to get a burl that is 40 feet up, they may also bring down other trees in the process, and disturb wildlife like nesting marbled murrelets, an endangered species in the region. 25
- 7 Normally, when a tree topples over due to old age or a traumatic event, its burls sprout new growth to form a new tree. "So by removing it you are potentially removing the tree's ability to reproduce," says Bomke. Redwoods do also produce seeds, although they primarily reproduce by sprouting from burls.
- 8 Bomke calls enforcement against wood poachers a high priority. However, rangers face a lot of challenges. Sam Hodder, the president and Chief Executive Officer of the nonprofit *Save the Redwoods League*, says that a longer-term solution to burl poaching will be to inspire a sense of ownership and pride in the redwood landscape and the communities around it. Hodder says the crimes have been committed by a few bad actors acting out of desperation and he says his group hopes to work with agencies and surrounding communities to improve the economic prospects of the region, so fewer people are driven to poaching. 30
- 9 "The more we can do to restore the habitat and improve the visitor experience, recreational opportunities, and local lodging, the more we can inspire positive use of the park, and some of those illegal uses will be pushed out," says Hodder. "More tourists spending more money would mean more job opportunities for the locals as well," he explained. 35

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Adapted from "Redwood Parks Battle Bold Wood Poachers" by Brian Clark Howard, *National Geographic*, 6 March 2014

Section A [5 marks]

*For
Examiner's
Use*

Refer to Text 1 of the Insert for Questions 1 – 4

- 1 Who might the target audience of the advertisement be?

[1]

- 2 What is the purpose of this advertisement?

[1]

- 3 Refer to the text at the top of the advertisement. What is effective about the use of the numbers with the hash tags, for example, 'Ingredient #223'?

[1]

- 4 With reference to the images used in the advertisement, give an example and explain how it is used to complement the tagline of the advertisement?

[2]

Section B [20 marks]

For
Examiner's
Use

Refer to Text 2 of the Insert for Questions 5 – 13.

- 5 The passage begins with the sentence 'The past is never past in Sevastopol' With reference to paragraph 1, explain why the writer came to this conclusion, giving **three** details to support your answer

[3]

- 6 From paragraph 1, what do you think 'the eastern European staple' refers to?

[1]

- 7 (i) 'marching down Lenin Street in support of her beloved Black Sea Fleet' (lines 9 – 10) What do you think Galina was doing?

[1]

- (ii) With reference to paragraph 2, which **two** sentences suggest that Galina's loyalty is to Russia rather than Ukraine?

(i)

[1]

(ii)

[1]

- 8 The writer describes Crimea as 'lush with a voluptuously curved coast of sparkling cliffs' (line 16) What does this description suggest about how Crimea appears to the writer?

For
Examiner's
Use

Description	How Crimea is viewed by the writer
'lush'	
'sparkling cliffs'	

[2]

- 9 From paragraph 3, explain the significance of Ukraine to the former Russian Empire
Answer in your own words.

[2]

- 10 In paragraph 4, a journalist wrote, 'like strangers on their own territory' (lines 21 - 22)
Explain the irony of the phrase

[2]

- 11 In line 31, the writer writes 'Crimea was a lovely present, but the box was empty'
Explain what the writer means by this statement

[2]

- 12 In paragraph 7, give **two** examples of the way life has changed for Galina under Ukrainian rule

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(i)

[1]

(ii)

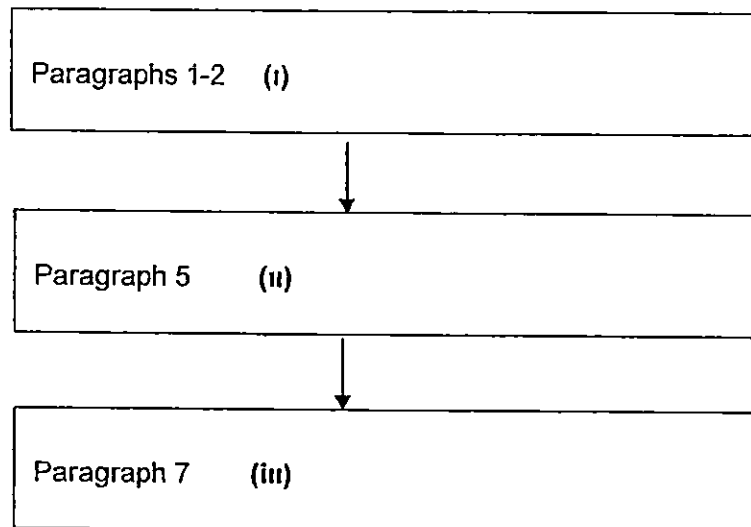
[1]

- 13 The structure of the text reflects the main feelings of Galina as she reacts to the events that happen. Complete the flow chart by choosing one word from the box to summarise the main feeling described in each part of the text. There are some extra words in the box you do not need to use.

Galina's feelings

contented yearning confused patriotic amused meditative irritated

Flow chart



[3]

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Section C [25 marks]*For
Examiner's
Use***Refer to Text 3 for Questions 14 – 19****14** Why do the authorities choose to close the gates from sunset to sunrise?

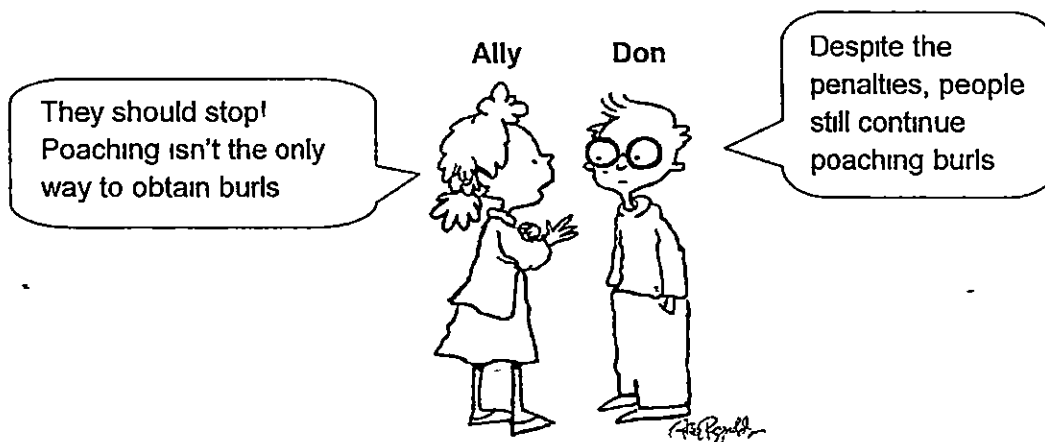
[1]

15 According to park law enforcement ranger, Laura Denny, why is it so difficult to arrest the wood poachers? **Answer in your own words**

[2]

16 Explain in detail what is ineffective about the current legislation against wood poachers

[2]

17 Here is a part of a conversation between two teenagers, Ally and Don who have read the article

- (i) How would Ally justify her position, with reference to paragraph 5?

[1]

- (ii) Give two reasons from paragraph 5 to explain why Don came to this conclusion

[2]

- 18 According to the text, explain in detail how improving the 'economic prospects of the region' (lines 35 - 36) would help to decrease burl poaching

[2]

- 19 Using your own words as far as possible, summarise the harm of wood poaching and the various solutions to burl poaching

Use only information from paragraphs 6 to 8

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)

Wood poaching harms

No of words

[15]

————— End of Paper —————

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Section A [5 marks]

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Examiner's
Use

Refer to Text 1 of the Insert for Questions 1 – 4

- 1 Who might the target audience of the advertisement be? [1]

Smokers (1) OR

People who want to quit smoking (1)

- 2 What is the purpose of this advertisement? [1]

To highlight the dangers of smoking / persuade smokers who want to quit smoking to seek help from the organisation listed in the advertisement

- 3 Refer to the text at the top of the advertisement. What is effective about the use of the numbers with the hash tags, for example, 'Ingredient #223'? [1]

To emphasize the variety / large number of chemicals found in cigarettes / tobacco.

- 4 With reference to the images used in the advertisement, give an example and explain how it is used to complement the tagline of the advertisement? [2]

- Tar / a poisonous substance is being poured into a (cereal) bowl,
 - a cup of drink has a 'hazardous' sign / logo on it,
 - a plate holds a pair of batteries
- (any one of these examples) (1) AND

The poisonous chemicals found in tobacco / cigarettes are likened to food and drink OR

The tagline wants readers to know that smoking or using tobacco is akin to ingesting these poisons into the body, in the same way we consume food and drink (1)

Section B [20 marks]

For
Examiner's
Use

Refer to Text 2 of the Insert for Questions 5 – 13

- 5 The passage begins with the sentence 'The past is never past in Sevastopol' With reference to paragraph 1, explain why the writer came to this conclusion, giving **three** details to support your answer [3]

Details

- (i) Russian flags can still be seen, especially during national celebrations (1)

(Lifted from "It waves from flagpoles and drapes the parade stand on patriotic holidays") – The Russian flag still flies in Sevastopol although it is not under Russian rule

- (ii) Statues and important landmarks are still named after famous Russian heroes or cities. (1)

(Lifted from "It finds sanctuary in war monuments and is posted on signs Lenin Square, Heroes of Stalingrad Street, Cinema Moscow") – War monuments are Russian ones

- (iii) Even a local cuisine / dish / staple, borscht, is cooked / prepared in the Russian style (1)

(Lifted from "It even simmers in a pot of borscht") – Even the food reminds the people of Russia

Both detail and explanation must be given to obtain 1m for each of the 3 points

- 6 From paragraph 1, what do you think 'the eastern European staple' refers to? [1]

Russian borscht (1)

- 7 (i) 'marching down Lenin Street in support of her beloved Black Sea Fleet' (lines 9 – 10) What do you think Galina was doing? [2]

She was joining in a protest march (1) against the Ukraine government (1).

- (ii) With reference to paragraph 2, which two sentences suggest that Galina's loyalty is to Russia rather than Ukraine? [2]

'Sevastopol is a Russian city' (lines 10 - 11) (1) AND

'We will never put up with the fact that Ukraine is in charge' (line 11) (1)

- 8 The writer describes Crimea as 'lush with a voluptuously curved coast of sparkling cliffs' (line 16) What does this description suggest about how Crimea appears to the writer? [2]

Description	How Crimea is viewed by the writer
'lush'	Plenty of vegetation (1)
'sparkling cliffs'	Bright and clean cliffs (1) OR Cliffs that shine in the sun (1)

- 9 From paragraph 3, explain the significance of Ukraine to the former Russian Empire
Answer in your own words [2]

Ukraine was a sanctuary / place for relaxation for Russian kings (1), and later became a recreational spot for government leaders (1)

Lifted from 'the Russian Empire, the retreat of Romanov tsars, and the playground of Politburo fat cats' (lines 17 - 18) [2]

- 10 In paragraph 4, a journalist wrote, 'like strangers on their own territory' (lines 21- 22)
Explain the irony of the phrase [2]

The people are supposed to be part of / citizens of Ukraine (1) but yet, they do not feel at home as their hearts are with Russia (1)

Note : BOTH POINTS must be given to show irony before the 2 marks can awarded A mark cannot be given even if one point is given

- 11 In line 31, the writer writes 'Crimea was a lovely present, but the box was empty' Explain what the writer means by this statement [2]

Since both Crimea and Ukraine were under Soviet rule at that time (1), the signing over of Crimea to Ukraine was a meaningless exercise / held no real significance / did not make any sense (1).

- 12 In paragraph 7, give two examples of the way life has changed for Galina under Ukrainian rule [2]

Prices of daily necessities had risen (1)

Education and medical care were no longer free. (1)

Galina could not afford to go on holiday as things are now more expensive (1)

(any 2 of the above)

Section C [25 marks]

Refer to Text 3 for Questions 14 – 19

- 14 Why do the authorities choose to close the gates from sunset to sunrise? [1]

Poaching is most likely to take place at night (1) OR

The general public will not venture into the park at night, only poachers will (1)

- 15 According to park law enforcement ranger, Laura Denny, why is it so difficult to arrest the wood poachers? Answer in your own words [2]

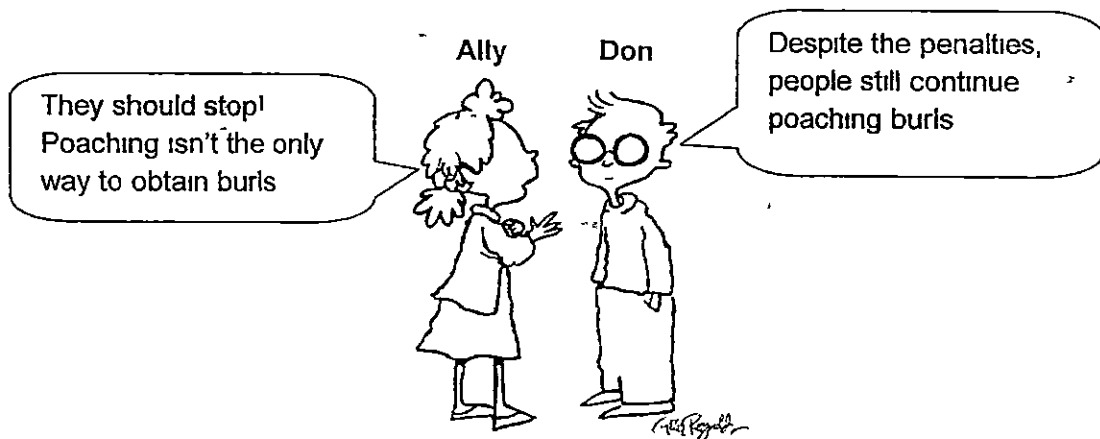
The park rangers had to cover a huge amount of land to spot poachers (1), and poachers swiftly traverse / manoeuvre from place to place to evade capture (1)

Lifted from. 'Vast amounts of territory that rangers must cover' (1) and 'poachers quickly move from tree to tree' (1)

- 16 Explain in detail what is ineffective about the current legislation against wood poachers [2]

Although the law promises stiff penalties, such as felony charges and imprisonment for wood poachers (1), the actual punishment for those caught poaching were much less serious, and amounted to no more than fines (1)

- 17 Here is a part of a conversation between two teenagers, Ally and Don who have read the article



- (i) How would Ally justify her position, with reference to paragraph 5?

[1]

Burls can be obtained from legitimate sources

- (ii) Give **two** reasons from paragraph 5 to explain why Don came to this conclusion

[2]

There is a high demand for burls (1) and there are insufficient burls from legitimate sources to meet this demand (1)

- 18 According to the text, explain in detail how improving the 'economic prospects of the region' (lines 35 - 36) would help to decrease burl poaching

[2]

Improving the economic prospects of the region would provide job opportunities / provide a source of income for the locals (1), so that fewer people would turn to / there is no need for poaching (1)

- 19 Using your own words as far as possible, summarise the harm of wood poaching and the various solutions to burl poaching

Use only information from paragraphs 6 to 8.

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)

[15]

Wood poaching harms

No	Points from passage	Own Words
	The harm of wood poaching	
1	Removing a burl can jeopardise the health of an individual tree	the tree when a burl is cut off
2	When a burl is cut from a living tree, it opens up a wound that can let in insects or disease	The cut is an entry point for insects or disease
3	and an entire forest	and this may spread to the whole forest
4	If thieves fell a redwood to get a burl that is 40 feet up they may also bring down other trees in the process	When poachers cut down a tree to obtain an out of reach burl, other trees may be brought down too,
5	disturb wildlife like nesting marbled murrelets, an endangered species in the region	which unsettles wildlife, some which are endangered
6	primarily reproduce by sprouting from burls, so by removing it you are potentially removing the tree's ability to reproduce	Redwood mainly reproduce from burls so when the burls are poached, the tree cannot reproduce
	The various solutions to burl poaching	
7	Jeff Bomke, a park spokesperson, calls enforcement against wood poachers a high priority	A park spokesperson suggests that the law needs to prioritise wood poaching as a crime
8	Sam Hodder, the president and Chief Executive Officer of the non-profit Save the Redwoods League says that a longer-term solution to burl poaching will be to inspire a sense of ownership and pride in the redwood landscape and the communities around it	while a president of an organisation looking into saving the redwoods suggests to evoke a sense of delight in the redwood forest in the neighbouring community as a long-term solution
9	his group hopes to work with agencies and surrounding communities to improve the economic prospects of the region,	His organisation works with agencies to provide better job opportunities to the community
10	so fewer people are driven to poaching	so fewer people will poach

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Content 8 points X 1 m
Language 7 m
Total 15 m

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