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Paper 2 Fiction

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1 hour 10 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.

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 text.

This document has **8** pages.

Section A: Reading

Spend 35 minutes on this section.

Read the **text** in the insert, and answer Questions 1–13.

- 1 Look at lines 4–7. The man in the grey suit is trying to move without attracting attention. Give **one** phrase that tells the reader this.

..... [1]

- 2 Look at lines 8–11. Why does the writer use commas (,)?

..... [1]

- 3 Look at lines 12–17. What does the man’s response to Hector’s question tell the reader? Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- The man enjoyed the magic show that Hector performed.
- The man is trying to avoid answering Hector’s question.
- The man has been looking forward to meeting Hector.
- The man expects Hector to greet him more politely.
- The man is meeting Hector for the very first time.

[2]

- 4 Look at lines 18–21. How do Hector’s actions in this paragraph link back to the action in line 8?

..... [1]

5 Look at lines 22–24.
How does the man’s statement relate to the comments Hector made earlier?
Tick (✓) **one** box.

- It shows that Hector has misjudged the man’s feelings.
- It expresses an opinion different from Hector’s.
- It confirms what Hector thinks about the man’s opinion.
- It criticises the tone of Hector’s comments.

[1]

6 Look at lines 25–31.

(a) Hector emphasises the word *magicians*.
Why?

..... [1]

(b) Hector uses a metaphor to compare himself to other magicians.
Explain what this tells the reader about what Hector thinks of himself.

.....
..... [2]

7 Look at lines 32–35.
What does the man intend to convey about the audience’s reaction with the word *perplexing*?
Tick (✓) **one** box.

- The audience should have applauded Hector more.
- The audience gave Hector more praise than he deserved.
- The audience were unable to understand Hector’s tricks.
- The audience were disappointed by the mistakes Hector made.

[1]

8 Look at line 36.
Explain how the narrative changes focus at this point.

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..... [2]

9 Look at lines 37–38.
What does the exclamation mark (!) tell the reader about Hector’s feelings?

..... [1]

10 Look at lines 39–42.
How does the reader’s understanding of the second sentence depend on the first sentence?

..... [1]

11 Look at the dialogue between Hector and Celia (lines 43–57).
Hector and Celia have a good relationship. Do you agree?
Tick (✓) **one** box.

Yes

No

Give **two** reasons for your choice.
Support each reason with a quotation.

First reason:

Quotation:

Second reason:

Quotation:

[4]

12 Look at lines 58–68.

(a) Give a phrase that emphasises the effort Celia makes when demonstrating her ability to the man.

..... [1]

(b) What does Celia do that changes the man’s opinion of her?

..... [1]

13 Look at the whole text.

(a) Why does the writer refer to one character as *the man in the grey suit* throughout the text?

..... [1]

(b) Do you think that Hector wants to gain the respect of the man in the grey suit?
Tick (✓) **one** box.

Yes

No

Give **two** reasons for your choice.
Support each reason with a quotation.

First reason:

Quotation:

Second reason:

Quotation:

[4]

Section B: Writing

Spend 35 minutes on this section.

- 14** Write a story in which one of the characters has a special power that must be kept secret until the time comes when it is necessary to use it.

Think about:

- who the character is and what the special power is
- when and where they have to reveal the power for the first time
- what happens when they use the power.

Use the box below to plan your answer.

Write your answer on the lines on the next page.

Space for your plan:

Write your story on the next page.

[25 marks]

