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ENGLISH

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Paper 1 Non-fiction

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1 hour

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 passages.

This document has **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A: Reading

Spend 30 minutes on this section.

Read **Text A**, an informal report in the insert, and answer Questions 1–11.

- 1 Find an example of onomatopoeia in the first paragraph (lines 1–4).

..... [1]

- 2 Give a short quotation from the first paragraph to show that an astronaut's job is not easy.

..... [1]

- 3 Look at this sentence: 'If you fly straight up from Earth, you'll get to space eventually.' (Line 7)

What is the sentence above an example of? Tick (✓) **one** box.

an imperative

☐

a past verb form

☐

a conditional

☐

a passive verb form

☐

[1]

4 Look at these **two** phrases:

‘...there’s a blanket of gases (the Earth’s atmosphere) which gets thinner until it fades into nothing.’ (Lines 8–9)

‘...scientists have invented an imaginary line – the Karman line – 160 kilometres above the Earth.’ (Lines 10–12)

(a) Why have brackets and dashes been used in these phrases?

..... [1]

(b) What effect does the writer achieve by using dashes instead of brackets?

..... [1]

5 What is the main reason most people cannot go into space?

..... [1]

6 Give a phrase from **Text A** that means the same as ‘very low-priced’.

..... [1]

7 What is the most common way to get a ride into space?

..... [1]

8 Find a phrase from **Text A** that means the same as ‘it’s unlikely to happen soon’.

..... [1]

9 Look at the lines below from **Text A**.

Which **one** of them is an example of an opinion? Tick (✓) **one** box.

‘... our gorgeous blue planet in the distance.’

☐

‘... which gets thinner until it fades into nothing.’

☐

‘Some people have won tickets into space.’

☐

‘... you can go into space as a tourist.’

☐

[1]

10 (a) **Text A** is written in an informal style.

Complete this table of the features of informal writing with examples from **Text A**.

Feature	Example from the text
Shortened clauses	‘Get past that...’
Use of the second person	(i)
(ii)	who’s, wouldn’t, don’t
Use of questions	(iii)

[3]

(b) Why has the writer chosen to write in an informal style?

..... [1]

11 What kind of book would you find **Text A** in?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

a school dictionary

☐

an instruction manual for pilots

☐

a biography about an astronaut

☐

an information book about astronauts

☐

[1]

Read **Text B**, in the insert, and answer Questions 12–20.

12 Where is Alan Shepard from?

.....

[1]

13 Which **one** of the sentences below about Alan Shepard's first space flight is true?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

He flew with six other astronauts.

☐

He flew to the moon.

☐

He flew around the Earth.

☐

He flew for less than an hour.

☐

[1]

14 What are the names of the two spaceships Alan Shepard flew in?

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.....

[1]

15 Which of the astronauts in **Text B** did **not** walk on the moon?

..... [1]

16 Look at lines 13–15.

What do we learn about Alan's character?

..... [1]

17 How did Shepard support space exploration after leaving NASA?

..... [1]

18 What genre is **Text B**?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

a recount

☐

a biography

☐

an information text

☐

a diary entry

☐

[1]

19 Explain why Alan Shepard has the reputation of being an exceptional astronaut. Give **two** reasons.

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.....

[2]

20 Choose the best heading for the last paragraph of **Text B**.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A quiet life

☐

The last flight

☐

Life on Earth

☐

A missed opportunity

☐

[1]

Section B: Writing

Spend 30 minutes on this section.

- 21** Imagine that a team of young explorers from your school has recently returned from a successful trip to explore a remote place somewhere in the world.

The place the team explored could be:

- a mountainous region
- the bottom of a lake or sea
- a cave system
- a jungle area.

Write a report about the trip.

Space for your plan:

Write your report on the next page.

[25 marks]

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