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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**0500/12**

Paper 1 Reading

February/March 2025**2 hours**

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.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

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Read **Text A, *Animals that migrate***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)–(e)** on this question paper.

Question 1

- (a) Give **two** examples of animals which migrate (other than humpback whales) according to paragraph 1.

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- [1]

- (b) **Using your own words**, explain what the text means by:

- (i) 'incredible endurance' (line 5) [2]

- (ii) 'facilitated research' (line 7). [2]

- (c) Reread paragraph 2 ('Despite ... animal movement.').

Give **two** ways in which migration differs from other types of animal movement.

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- [2]

- (d) Reread paragraphs 3 and 4 ('Astonished ... GPS-tagged zebras.').

- (i) Identify **two** things scientists had to do before they were able to study how far the plains zebras travelled during migration.

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- [2]

- (ii) Explain what researchers in the second study did to test what might influence the direction in which migrating zebras travelled.

- [3]





(e) Reread paragraph 5 ('Preliminary ... lead scientist.').

Using your own words, explain why some people might not accept the findings of the study as conclusive.

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- You must **use continuous writing** (not note form) and **use your own words** as far as possible.

Your summary should not be more than 120 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 5 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Read **Text C**, *The last migration*, in the insert and then answer **Questions 2(a)–(d)** on this question paper.

Question 2

(a) Identify a word or phrase from the text which suggests the same idea as the words underlined:

(i) The vehicle that Lotta hired was inexpensive.

..... [1]

(ii) Seeing the flashing signals on the computer screen stops Lotta worrying that the trackers will not work.

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(iii) Even though there are still a few bird species left alive, there is no longer any money available to pay for scientists to study them.

..... [1]

(iv) Lotta explains how the migrating birds begin by taking different routes before they rejoin each other to find where the fish are.

..... [1]

(b) Using your own words, explain what the writer means by each of the words underlined:

'I've put trackers on three, but couldn't afford cameras,' I explain, doggedly following Ennis back to his vessel. 'They'll only help to pinpoint where the birds fly. Someone needs to witness how they survive, to learn. Take me south – we'll follow them. If there are fish left, those birds will find them.'

(i) vessel [1]

(ii) pinpoint [1]

(iii) witness [1]





- (c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests Lotta's attitude to the project.

Use your own words in your explanation.

I'm not sure when dreaming of this last desperate project began, but it's part of me now as much as the instinct for breath. It swallowed me whole – a fantasy quest, securing a place on a fishing vessel and having its captain carry me far south following the longest natural migration of any living creature.

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Base your article on what you have read in **Text C**, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the three bullets.

Up to 15 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 10 marks for the quality of your writing.

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