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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/22

Paper 2 Comprehension

February/March 2025

1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- 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.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

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 all the resources referred to in the questions.

This document has **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

[10]

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(b) Explain **three** disadvantages of choosing the new road bridge.

Do **not** refer to the commemorative statue.

disadvantage 1

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disadvantage 2

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disadvantage 3

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[6]

(c) With reference to the Additional Information **only**,

(i) state the **one** piece of information which is the **least** relevant when deciding which proposal to choose.

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(ii) state the **one** piece of information which suggests that Justina's claim that 'decision-makers in Mosman have done absolutely nothing to help us here' is untrue.

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(d) With reference to the television interview extracts **only**,

(i) explain why Justina has a vested interest in favouring the new road bridge.

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(ii) identify the comment by Bernardo which supports Justina's claim that her 'region is too often neglected'.

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(e) In your opinion, explain **two** possible problems with the format of the proposed referendum, as outlined in the Background.

problem 1

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problem 2

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[Total: 25]



Section B

Read the material for Section B in the insert before answering the questions in Section B.

- 2 (a) (i) Identify **two** of the main aims of Operation Mincemeat during the Second World War, as stated in lines 1–6.

aim 1

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aim 2

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[2]

- (ii) Identify **two** reasons given for the success of the deception (lines 9–13).

Answer in **about 20 words** using continuous prose.

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- (b) Suggest what each of the **three** pieces of 'wallet litter' was intended to show about 'Major Martin' (lines 19–25).

Answer in **about 30 words** using continuous prose.

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- (c) Explain why Macintyre uses the term ‘hidden hero’ in connection with the people who devised the plan (lines 26–29).

Answer **using your own words** as far as possible.

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- (d) Explain the importance of creativity in Operation Mincemeat (lines 30–35).

Answer **in about 40 words** using continuous prose.

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- (e) Identify the **two** ways in which the theatre company updated the story for modern audiences (lines 43–48).

Answer **in about 20 words** using continuous prose.

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- (f) (i) Explain how creating Martin could be seen as 'morally doubtful' (lines 49–51).

Answer **using your own words** as far as possible.

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- (ii) Explain how Michelle Ashford justifies 'the less ethical aspects of the story' (lines 56–59).

Answer **using your own words** as far as possible.

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- (g) Explain the present-day justifications offered for having used the dead man in Operation Mincemeat.

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- (h) Referring to lines 14–25 **only**, identify the **exact** word or phrase in the material which means:

- (i) impeded

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- (ii) wily

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- (iii) appropriate for.

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[Total: 25]





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