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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/21

Paper 2 Comprehension

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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.



Section A

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

- 1 (a) Explain **one** of the reasons why 300 years ago Anakii Old Town could **not** continue to be the capital city.

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- (b) With reference to the descriptions of the two attractions and the Additional Information:

- (i) identify the exaggerated claim made by Mayor Ena Voun.

Justify your choice.

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- (ii) identify the exaggerated claim made by Ivo Grix.

Justify your choice.

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- (c) Identify the personal reason why Linus Frijmann would probably **not** give Jorjina permission to review Sottiex Marina.

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- (d) Identify the reason why the *Neeniot Echo* reserves the right to refuse to publish a review not up to its standards.

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(e) Explain why Jorjina would need to declare conflicts of interest

(i) if Serge were to accompany her to Anakii Old Town.

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(ii) if Amalie were to accompany her to Sottiex Marina.

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(f) Identify the problem for Jorjina of delivering a review of Sottiex Marina by Friday 1 December.

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(g) Explain why it could be important for Jorjina's career that she impresses Linus Frijmann.

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Section B

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

- 2 (a) Identify the memory that drives Francisco Elle deep into the dense rainforests day after day.

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- (b) Identify the **exact** word or phrase **in the material** which means the following:

- (i) move in at speed (lines 15–19)

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- (ii) a person arranging business deals between other people (lines 30–37)

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- (iii) sticky (lines 44–52)

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- (iv) not worried (lines 48–58).

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- (c) State **three** pieces of evidence that show it is difficult to walk through the rainforest (lines 3–7).

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

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- (d) According to Francisco, identify what 'nature's revenge' was.

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(e) State the **three** reasons given as to why landslides and flash floods are occurring more regularly.

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(f) Explain how Marc justifies his illegal logging activities.

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(g) Explain how Francisco now regards trees (lines 42–43).

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

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(h) According to the material, suggest why Francisco is a brave individual.

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(i) State the **exact** meaning of the following **four** words or phrases **as they are used in the material**:

(i) (have) taken their toll (lines 20–21)

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(ii) (to) defy (line 28)

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(iii) vows (line 48)

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(iv) (to) ensure (line 48).

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[Total: 25]





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