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Paper 1 Reading

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2 hours 15 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- 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 [].

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Section A: Directed response**Question 1**

Read the following text, which is an extract from the novel *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout, about the narrator's love of reading and her aspirations to be educated.

- (a) Imagine you are the guidance counselor referred to in the extract. Write a report for the college in Chicago, about Lucy's suitability to study there. Use 150–200 words. [10]
- (b) Compare your report with the extract, analysing form, structure and language. [15]

Until I was eleven years old, we lived in a garage.

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time, until I fell asleep. I kept thinking that for a long

Section B: Text analysis

Question 2

Read the following text, which is an advertisement from an online shop, about the benefits of sleeping on silk pillowcases.

Analyse the text, focusing on form, structure and language.

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Can A Silk Pillowcase Really Be That Good?

Silk bedding has become more popular lately, with more and more people like beauty experts and bloggers extolling silk pillowcase benefits in particular.

The experts are agreed that a 100% Mulberry silk pillowcase has added beauty benefits like reducing fine lines and wrinkles. As you move around in your sleep cotton fabric catches your hair resulting in you waking up with frizzy hair. Silk allows your hair and skin to glide over the pillow so when you wake up you don't have frizzy bed head.

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One of the first questions often raised by those considering a silk pillowcase concerns keeping it clean. People imagine that a silk pillowcase is easily damaged and therefore must be hand washed, but this simply isn't the case. Silk bedding can be machine washed at 30 degrees – and usually dries far more quickly than its cotton counterpart, too.

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Silk is also surprisingly robust. It is strong as well as super soft, and even repels night-time nasties, such as bed mites or other creepy-crawlies. If you don't want to share your bed with unwanted guests, a silk pillowcase is a must.

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Silk is naturally hypoallergenic. It is also reported to provide relief for those with skin conditions such as eczema or psoriasis, and because it is so gentle on the skin it can be very beneficial for those who are undergoing chemotherapy and have very sensitive skin as a result of their treatment.

As well as being gentle on the skin, silk can help to hydrate it, too – which can reduce the cost of face creams and other skincare potions. Plenty of anecdotal evidence suggests that sleeping on a silk pillowcase can minimise fine lines and wrinkles, and give silk fans a youthful, glowing complexion.

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Silk is so soothing to sleep on, and it's not only renowned for its anti-ageing properties and gentleness. It can also help to control, and reduce, hot flushes. In fact, silk can absorb up to 30% of its own weight in moisture, which can really help those who suffer from night sweats that can be due to hormones, medication or other health-related reasons.

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Putting skin and hair care benefits to one side for a moment, consider the pure luxury of sleeping on silk. Silk looks the part – it has a very becoming satin sheen to its surface, making it look just as luxurious as it feels.

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Then, there's the actual feeling of high quality, pure silk on the skin. Once people have experienced sleeping on silk, they often report having no intention of ever going back

to cotton or man-made fabrics, which they often describe as ‘scratchy’ or ‘rough’ in comparison.

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So silk is cool in summer or for those experiencing hot flushes or night sweats, but how about when the weather is colder? Well, silk is also great at retaining warmth, which can help to minimise waking up in the night due to feeling chilly. This unique quality may also even help to keep down those heating bills, too.

So you’re convinced, and decide to go ahead and buy a silk pillowcase or two. What do you choose? Is all silk made equal? The answer, of course, is no. Silk can vary tremendously in quality. So how do you know what to look for?

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There are two main factors. One is the weave. A charmeuse weave is the best weave used in making silk because it gives such a smooth and lustrous surface. This is all the better to rest sensitive skin or flyaway, frizzy hair on because it reduces friction.

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The other thing to consider is the ‘momme’ count. Like a thread count as applied to cotton, the momme count gives an indication of the thickness of the material. A higher momme count is generally better, with 22 being the absolute ideal for bed linen.

At Calidad Home, we only use charmeuse 22 momme 100% Mulberry silk. The most luxurious silk you can buy.

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If you like the sound of these silk pillowcase benefits, why not try sleeping on luxury silk for yourself? It’s a small price to pay for enjoying so many nights of comfortable, luxurious beauty sleep, as well as smoother skin and hair.

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