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**GENERAL PAPER**

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**Paper 1 and Paper 2**

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**2 hours 40 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **two** questions.

Answer **one** question from Paper 1 and **one** question from Paper 2.

Write the paper number (1 or 2) on the front of your work.

Begin your answer to Paper 2 on a new and separate sheet of paper.

The total time of 2 hours 40 minutes includes 10 minutes for you to study the questions before you begin your answers. You may make notes during this time if you wish.

You are advised to spend no longer than 1 hour 15 minutes on Paper 1.

At the end of the examination, hand in your answers to Paper 1 and Paper 2 separately.

In Paper 1, all questions carry equal marks.

In Paper 2, the number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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**PAPER 1**

Answer **one** question from Paper 1. You should write between 500 and 800 words.

- 1 How far is it true to say that leisure interests in your country have changed in recent years?
- 2 What makes some forms of historical evidence more reliable than others?
- 3 To what degree do you think your government makes good use of tax revenue?
- 4 'Money is ruining sport.' To what extent do you agree?
- 5 What do you understand by 'alternative' medicine and what is your view about its role in society?
- 6 How far do you agree that cyber crime is an ever-increasing danger?
- 7 Consider the view that water is more important than oil.
- 8 Assess the view that global warming is inevitable no matter what we do.
- 9 To what extent is the present celebrity culture harmful or beneficial?
- 10 What is the role of libraries in today's world?
- 11 What music appeals to you and why?
- 12 'Art, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.' How far do you agree?

## PAPER 2

Answer **one** question from Paper 2.

- 13 Study the information and then answer all the questions (a – d) which follow.

**Evelyn Wutebo's diary: Sunday, January 4th, 2009:**

*What am I to do? He gave me his album just before he was taken away to hospital and now he's dead and with no relatives that I know of. I could put it back in his flat – I've got the key – but if I do, someone else might look at its contents and, anyway, he wanted me to have it. I've never kept a diary before but now I need it, to get things straight. So, where do I begin? Well, I suppose it all started when the old fellow mentioned that he missed playing chess and I said I'd have a game with him, once in a while. After all, my rooms were just across the corridor from his. Still, it came as quite a shock. We'd never done more than exchange the time of day when we met in the lift ...*

**Newspaper cuttings in Marcel Toublo's album:**

**A 'The Sinnodian Times': Thursday, April 6th, 1961**

The world of chess was in a state of shock, yesterday, when Grand Master, pipe-smoking Marcel Toublo, failed to turn up at the tournament organised by the National Chess Confederation. As is well known, Marcel Toublo is the Chairman of Unisalp, the highly successful makers of Vodorite ...

**B 'The Sinnodian Times': Wednesday, July 12th, 1961**

The palatial home of Marcel Toublo, former Chairman of Unisalp, who mysteriously disappeared three months ago, was visited yesterday by police officers anxious to investigate irregularities in the firm's accounts ...

**C 'The Sinnodian Times': Thursday, July 20th, 1961**

At an emergency meeting of the shareholders of Unisalp yesterday it was disclosed that substantial bank loans had been incurred, over the past five years, on behalf of the firm, allegedly to fund research and development. Repayment of these loans is now overdue. In a written statement, the Board of Directors denied knowledge of any such transactions. The finger of blame, therefore, points at ...

**D 'The Sinnodian Times': Friday, July 21st, 1961**

We learn that Freez Xanui, Chief Accountant at the failing firm of Unisalp, whose Chairman has absconded, yesterday took his own life ...

**E 'The Sinnodian Times': Wednesday, September 5th, 1962**

Unisalp, the pioneers of Vodorite, were forced to cease trading yesterday, following the financial scandal occasioned by its former chairman, Marcel Toublo, who has not been seen since he took time off work to attend the National Chess Confederation in April last year. As a consequence, many shareholders who have invested their life's savings in the firm are now facing bankruptcy ...

**Evelyn Wutebo's diary: Sunday, January 4th, 2009:**

*The banknotes enclosed with Mr. Toublo's album are the latest and absolutely genuine, and they amount to a sizeable fortune. I admit I've already taken one and spent it but can I really do the same with the rest? It's not as if I'm the poorest of the poor ...*

- (a) **In about 100 words**, explain what you understand Marcel Toublo to have done all those years ago. [10]
- (b) **In about 100 words**, explain why Evelyn Wutebo, the writer of the diary, should notify the police, following the inspection of Mr. Toublo's album and its contents. [10]
- (c) **In about 100 words**, explain why Evelyn Wutebo, the writer of the diary, might not wish to notify the police, following the inspection of Mr. Toublo's album and its contents. [10]
- (d) Select one point from the information provided in the newspaper cuttings that is irrelevant to the decision that Evelyn Wutebo faces. Explain why it is irrelevant. **Answer in about 50 words.** [5]

Note: Up to an additional 15 marks will be available for use of English.

14 Study the information and then answer all the questions (a – d) which follow.

You are entertaining a female relative and have decided it would be a good idea to spend an evening watching a film together. You subscribe to a film club from which you rent DVDs. Their recommendations on this occasion are as follows. (All the names that are mentioned are those of fictional actors and not the characters that they portray.)

- A 'The Platinum Bullet'** The target of a ruthless gang, Jimmy Pledge has to keep one step ahead and succeeds in having one hair-raising escape after another. Set in the gorgeous countryside of Kwarania, this is an action-packed thriller with a supporting cast of lovely ladies and rowdy ruffians.
- B 'No Room in the Ambulance'** A mysterious disease sweeps the township of Little Plunkett. Trainee nurse, Sabrina Chend, and consultant, Brad Lomarn, are drawn together as desperate remedies become their top priority. Does it all end with wedding bells or yet more funerals?
- C 'What a Mess!'** Accident-prone Saxon Folly is in danger of losing both his job as waiter at the Hotel Dilapidato and his fiancée, the delectable Zsa Tobar. His fate now depends on that most awkward of customers, Herbert Mol, who, on this occasion, happens to be Zsa's guardian. A vintage cocktail of romance and knockabout comedy, this is Saxon Folly at his funniest.

When selecting one of the DVDs, you are aware of the following considerations.

- 1 A few years ago, you were wrongly diagnosed when you had breast cancer.
- 2 The relative who is staying with you once had an extremely unfortunate experience in a restaurant.
- 3 You have always prided yourself on having strong nerves.
- 4 Your relative has a great belief in faith healing and miracle cures.
- 5 In real life, the actor, Brad Lomarn, has an unenviable reputation as a foul-mouthed gambler.
- 6 There have been times in your life when you have had to be abnormally quick witted.
- 7 A fortnight ago, you witnessed a collision between a car and a bicycle which resulted in serious injury.
- 8 After leaving school 30 years ago, you failed to get into Kesowor Medical School.
- 9 Your relative disapproves of sex, violence and strong language on the screen.
- 10 A recent epidemic in your neighbourhood was halted in a most unexpected way.
- 11 You have a good sense of humour, which was especially needed when your children were young.
- 12 Now that you sleep alone, you sometimes have difficulty in getting off to sleep.
- 13 You have run out of teabags.
- 14 Your relative has fond memories of her childhood in Kwarania back in the 1940s.
- 15 You need to get over rather a bad week at work.
- 16 The father of your dead husband frequently found fault with your cooking.
- 17 Saxon Folly, many years ago, answered your fan mail with a very charming letter.
- 18 Your relative always lies down in the afternoon.
- 19 The last film you watched starring Jimmy Pledge was much the same as the one before.
- 20 Your relative has recently been successfully treated for arthritis.

- (a) Give **five** pieces of evidence to suggest that in this exercise you are asked to react as a middle-aged widow. Quote the relevant information from the list opposite. Some of it may suggest that the person concerned is middle aged and some of it may suggest that she is a widow. [5]
- (b) Which DVD are you most likely to watch with your relative? Restrict your discussion to the DVD you favour most and explain why its merits outweigh its drawbacks. **Answer in about 100 words.** [10]
- (c) Which DVD are you least likely to watch with your relative? Restrict your discussion to the DVD you favour least and explain why its drawbacks outweigh its merits. **Answer in about 100 words.** [10]
- (d) What sort of person is the female relative who is staying with you? **Answer in about 100 words.** [10]

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15 Read the following passage and then answer all the questions (a – f) which follow.

The silver Maria Theresa thaler, known simply as the MTT, is one of the most beautiful coins in the world. Arabs have referred to it as *abu nuqta* ('the one with the dots'), *abu tayr* ('the one with birds') and *abu reesh* ('the one with feathers'), all allusions to features of its intricate design.

It has been one of the most widely circulated coins in the world. Passed from hand to hand by traders, it spread across the eastern Mediterranean into Arabia, along both shores of the Red Sea, around the Horn of Africa, into present-day Ethiopia and Eritrea and down the coast of East Africa. It crossed the Sahara and eventually reached Java and as far as China. It crossed the Atlantic and was known, though not as widely used, in North and South America. In countries that had no currency of their own, such as Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Ethiopia, the thaler survived well into the last century - as late as 1970 in Oman. The rise, circulation and widespread appeal of the MTT at a time of shifting borders make it a remarkable example of international money. 5  
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The beautiful, talented, intelligent and multilingual Maria Theresa, who ruled in Central Europe, devoted herself, throughout her reign, to agrarian, educational and economic reforms. Her Chief Treasurer was shrewd enough to promote the MTT abroad. It was minted to the highest standards of design and with the most stringent control of its silver content. As a result, the MTT won trust and soon became a major export, helping the balance of trade and paying for her subjects' appetite for imported coffee. Overall, the increased wealth of Maria Theresa's empire had much to do with the policy that saw the potential of the MTT. 15  
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Empress Maria Theresa died in 1780, and MTTs since then have carried that date. By that year, more than 30 million thalers had been produced, more than any other coin of the time, with the possible exception of the Spanish dollar. She had literally coined a legacy, one that continued to proliferate beyond anything she herself might have imagined. 25

Wherever it was used, the thaler was subjected to careful scrutiny. Locals would count the number of pearls on Maria Theresa's oval brooch or check the feathers on the imperial eagle. Recipients would reject coins out of hand if they did not precisely match the 1780 coin. 30

Sharp fluctuations in the price of silver in the second half of the 19th century provided windfall profits in trading thalers in addition to opportunities to move thalers into interior regions where they were worth more than their face value. After the growth in imports of silver by the Arab world, there was a surge in demand for silver in India. But, at the same time, other events foreshadowed the coin's eventual demise. Huge silver deposits were discovered in Nevada in 1859. Governments also gradually turned away from silver, starting with the British adoption of the gold standard. 35

What makes the MTT unique is its combination of longevity and geographical spread. It succeeded and survived, not because it changed, but rather because it did not change. The demise of the MTT was caused by the rise of the modern state with its national money and its requirement that its citizens should use domestic currency. 40

For now, the MTT stands out as perhaps the world's best example of a truly international money, a coin that bore the portrait of a deceased empress of a realm that no longer existed in a denomination long superseded, yet was still universally accepted over vast areas with no fixed borders. 45



Note: When a question asks for an answer IN YOUR OWN WORDS and you select the appropriate material from the passage for your answer, you must still use your own words to express it. Little credit can be given to answers which only copy words or phrases from the passage.

- (a) Arabic phrases feature in the first paragraph. How, later in the passage, do they become significant? [2]
- (b) Maria Theresa is said to have 'devoted herself... to agrarian, educational and economic reforms'. Into which category of reform did the regulations originally affecting the Maria Theresa thaler fall? **Briefly** justify your choice of category. [3]
- (c) **In about 100 of your own words**, explain why the Maria Theresa thaler proved so popular in so many parts of the world for so long. [10]
- (d) **Briefly explain in your own words** why the Maria Theresa thaler no longer circulates as international currency. [3]
- (e) What, in your opinion, is the single most curious thing about the Maria Theresa thaler? Explain your reasoning **in about 50 of your own words**. [5]
- (f) (i) Explain the meaning of **six** of the following words as they are used in the passage. You may answer in one word or a short phrase.
- intricate (line 4)  
shrewd (line 17)  
stringent (line 18)  
proliferate (line 26)  
scrutiny (line 28)  
recipients (line 30)  
fluctuations (line 32)  
superseded (line 45) [6]
- (ii) For each of the words that you have chosen from the list, write a separate sentence to illustrate its meaning as used in the passage. Your six sentences should not deal with the subject matter of the passage. [6]

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