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Text booklet – Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this booklet until instructed to do so.
- This booklet contains all of the texts required for paper 1.
- Answer the questions in the question and answer booklet provided.

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Text A

Can't use public transport? Then use Call-a-Ride!

Question: [– X –]

Call-a-Ride is a public transport service in Smithville, Canada, for people with disabilities who are unable to get onto or off buses or trains. Because of their disability, they cannot travel between home and work every day. Call-a-Ride changes that, as it gives them a public transport service that allows them to commute. Businesses can, therefore, employ them and they can become independent.

Question: [– 1 –]

Call-a-Ride works only within the town of Smithville. It uses public transport routes and stops at public transport stops where it is safe to get on and off the vehicles. This transport service works only if there are enough passengers on a route. There must be at least three passengers for the service to run.

Question: [– 2 –]

Call-a-Ride is available seven days a week between 07:00 and 19:00.

This transport service shares road lanes with all traffic and passengers can expect normal traffic delays. The transport vehicle may arrive 15 minutes before or after the scheduled time. If the vehicle arrives 30 minutes after the scheduled time, the passenger may make a complaint by phone or email to the transport service.



Roadworks or accidents on the roads may change the vehicles' arrival times. The Call-a-Ride service will phone the passenger if something has happened that will make the vehicle late.

Question: [– 3 –]

Call-a-Ride receives money from the town and government services. The passenger only pays the same as the public transport fare on that route.

Question: [– 4 –]

The following passengers are not permitted to use the Call-a-Ride service:

- People who are able to get on and off public transport.
- People with disabilities who want to travel not for work but for social or medical reasons.
- Students.
- People who are travelling for personal reasons.

Text B

“My generation cares about climate change”

An interview with a 14-year-old activist

Xiuhtezcatl is a 14-year-old activist. He is the youth director of an organization, Earth Guardians, that his mother Tamara created to inspire young people to defend the environment. He gives talks about climate change to children younger and older than him at schools around the United States. Lilah Raptopoulos meets with him to find out more.

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Lilah: How old were you when you started?

Xiuhtezcatl: I gave my first public speech about climate change in front of 300 people when I was six years old. When I was nine, the Parks department in my town decided to start using two new unhealthy chemicals in public parks. About 50 of us protested to the city council. The city council listened and stopped using them.

Lilah: How do you make young people care about climate change?

Xiuhtezcatl: We must explain the urgency of the situation to young people. But I also want them to know that it's not too late to prevent climate change and it is not an impossible task. A lot of kids know this is a crisis but they do not understand that we are the generation that will suffer the most from the consequences of climate change. It is important that young people understand this.

Lilah: What do you say to people who say we need natural gas as a fuel source?

Xiuhtezcatl: People say we need oil, coal and natural gas, but the future of energy comes from natural sources such as wind or water, resources that will last forever. Fossil fuels are limited! We're going to run out of them soon.

Lilah: How can people get involved?

Xiuhtezcatl: You can read the information at earthguardians.org and get involved, but I'm not here to tell people what to do. Use the things that you are passionate about – music, sports, art, for example – to make a change. A passionate, educated young person is the key to a sustainable world tomorrow.

Text C

Make 2020 the year to say “yes!” to studying abroad

- ❶ For those of us who are always dreaming about exploring somewhere new, a semester abroad is an obvious choice. You can experience new cultures, try new foods, meet new people and, perhaps most importantly, get to travel while following university courses. What is there not to love?
- ❷ The University of Victoria says it has “partnership agreements with over 300 post-secondary institutions worldwide”. Students have the opportunity to choose between destinations in Brazil, France, Korea or Thailand for their next academic adventure. The Hispanic Studies department offers two locations to study abroad: Cuenca, Ecuador or Alcala, Spain. I decided to go to Ecuador.
- ❸ I spent three months in southern Ecuador and completed a Certificate in Language Proficiency in Spanish. As there were only four of us in the programme, we had small, intimate classes designed specifically for our needs. Through the University of Cuenca’s matching programme, we were partnered with local students who quickly became good friends. We explored nearly every weekend – sometimes close to home and sometimes across the country. While Ecuador uses the American dollar, food, bus tickets and accommodation are still very affordable.
- ❹ The northern town of Otavalo has one of the most important markets in the Andes, and perhaps one of the most well-known in South America. The market takes place on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Hundreds of vendors sell silver jewellery and coloured blankets. I was able to visit Quito and Otavalo as a weekend trip from Cuenca without missing any classes. During Cuenca’s November holiday, we were given a week off from classes. A friend and I chose to spend our break in the Galapagos. We visited beaches, snorkelled, swam and ate wonderfully fresh seafood.
- ❺ Returning home, I found myself almost fluent in Spanish and with a memory card full of photos. While studying abroad and coping with a language barrier can be challenging, I would wholeheartedly recommend studying abroad to anyone interested, and I’m looking forward to returning to Ecuador in the future.

Permission granted by Sarah Lazin, former Editor-in-Chief of the Martlet,
the student newspaper, University of Victoria.

Text D

Search for lost hiker

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Part 1

Police have launched a huge search and rescue operation for a hiker named Chan who has been missing since Sunday afternoon.

The man, his wife and friends rented a holiday bungalow in Tai Po (Hong Kong) on Sunday. He was last seen at 1:00 pm when the group were enjoying a barbecue. He left by himself and drove to Plover Cove Country Park to hike and take photographs. Chan's wife said he called her and sent pictures around 3:30 pm, saying he had arrived at the beginning of the trail in the park. She has heard nothing since then. His phone was disconnected.

Police and firefighters arrived at 1:00 am yesterday. Government helicopters joined the search.

Chan is 170 cm tall and 64 kilograms in weight. He was wearing a blue and white long-sleeved top, black pants and black hiking shoes, police said. His wife said Chan has memory problems.

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Part 2

Flora Lo Ngo-Pui, a [– X –] who has walked the 18-kilometre trail, said it takes about 8 hours to go from the [– 33 –] of the trail to the end of the trail. "Hiking this long trail under this super-hot weather could be very dangerous."

The highest [– 34 –] recorded on Sunday was 35.2 °C, said the Hong Kong Observatory. On the same day, a 31-year-old man was hit by heat stroke and admitted to [– 35 –] while hiking along the same trail with two friends.

Earlier this year, a 30-year-old woman hiker passed out from heat when walking alone from Tai Mei Tuk to Wu Kau Tang. She was found by police, [– 36 –] and dehydrated. She was given immediate treatment on [– 37 –] at a nearby medical center.

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