

Cambridge O Level



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1123/22

Paper 2 Reading May/June 2023

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.
- 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 the reading passages.

Section 1: Reading for Ideas

Read **Passage 1**, *Online learning and classroom learning*, in the insert and answer **all** the questions below.

1 (a) Notes

Identify and write down the advantages of online learning and the advantages of classroom learning, as outlined in the passage.

USE MATERIAL FROM PARAGRAPHS 2 TO 7 INCLUSIVE.

At this stage, you do **not** need to use your own words. Use note form. To help you get started, the first point in each section of notes is done for you. You may find it helpful to use bullet points when listing the content points.

You will be awarded up to 12 marks for content points.

Content Points

Advantages of online learning

	students can study in a place that is convenient for them
	vantages of classroom learning
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	teachers can identify immediately any problems students are facing
	teacners can identify immediately any problems students are facing

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(b) Summary

Now use your notes from **1(a)** to write a summary of the advantages of online learning and the advantages of classroom learning, as outlined in the passage.

Use your own words as far as possible. You will be awarded marks for producing a piece of writing which is relevant, well organised and easy to follow.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (**not** note form). You are advised to write between **150** and **180** words, including the 10 words given below.

Begin your summary as follows:
An advantage of online learning is that students are able
[10]

2	Re-read paragraphs 1, 2 and 5, and write down one piece of advice given by the writer from each of these paragraphs.
	Paragraph 1
	[1]
	Paragraph 2
	[1]
	Paragraph 5
	[1]
	[Total: 25]

Section 2: Reading for Meaning

Read Passage 2, Laurent, in the insert and answer all the questions below.

From	paragra	ph 1

3	(a)	What kind of job did Laurent get when he left university?
	(b)	Why did Laurent stay in his job as long as he did?
	(c)	The contrast between 'his ideal and his reality' was too great. Explain in your own words what this 'contrast' was.
		[2]
Fro	m pa	ragraph 2
4	(a)	Laurent was 'eager to negotiate an immediate departure'. Give the three-word phrase used later in the paragraph which conveys a similar meaning to 'immediate'.
		[1]
	(b)	'On such occasions, especially, he knew that he had made the right decision.' What were these 'occasions'?
		[1]

From paragraph 3

5	(a)								
			[1						
	(b)		do you think Laurent 'glanced around him'?						
			[1						
	(c)		two reasons why Laurent thought the handbag 'had almost certainly been stolen'.						
		(i)							
		(ii)							
			[2						
Fro	m pa	ragra	ph 4						
6	(a)	Why agai	do you think the woman in the police station (i) 'looked up' and (ii) then 'looked awan'?						
		(i)							
		/::\	[1						
		(ii)	[1						
	(b)		silence was broken by 'a clattering sound which resonated through the room'. Explain in own words what broke the silence.						
			[2						
	(c)		dless to say, there was no wallet and no phone.' Why do you think the writer says thi mation was 'needless to say'?						

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From paragraph 6

7	ʻThe	e my	stery was solved.' W	/hat ν	was the 'mystery	/'?				
8	Fro	m pa	aragraphs 1–4							
			h of the words below s in the passage.	, circ	cle the letter (A,	B, C	or D) which has	s the	same meaning that	t the
	(a)	din	nly (line 4)							
		Α	dully	В	slightly	С	darkly	D	unintelligently	[1]
	(b)	suc	cceeded (line 8)							
		Α	explained	В	improved	С	increased	D	followed	[1]
	(c)	loy	al (line 13)							
		A	faithful	В	impatient	С	unreliable	D	educated	[1]
	(d)	sol	obed (line 28)							
		A	spoke	В	cried	С	whispered	D	complained	[1]
	(e)	ass	sorted (line 34)							
		Α	many	В	strange	С	varied	D	messy	[1]

9 Re-read paragraphs 1 and 3, which contain phrases about Laurent.

Give:

- the meaning of each phrase as it is used in the passage
- the effect of each phrase as it is used in the passage.

(a)	'he was wasting his life' (lines 8–9)	
	Meaning:	
	Effect:	
		 [2]
(b)	'It took a few slow moments to register (what he had just seen)' (line 21)	
	Meaning:	
	Effect:	
		 [2]

[Total: 25]

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- You may annotate this insert and use the blank spaces for planning. Do not write your answers on the insert.



Passage 1

Online learning and classroom learning

- 1 Recent advances in technology have made it possible for students to learn at home, using devices like laptops, tablets and smartphones, instead of going to school or university every day. It would be wise to consider carefully the advantages of both types of learning.
- One advantage of online learning is that students can study in a place that is convenient for them; this might be at the kitchen table or in the living room or, for the lucky ones, their own room or study. Students can work at a time that suits them and are not confined to the set times of the school day. This is useful for students who work better in the early evening or even late at night. Travel time is eliminated too; walking, taking public transport or being driven to school takes time which can be used by students for pastimes or hobbies instead. Students really ought to be encouraged to unwind after their studies. And they can do this by playing sport, for example, or even by going to bed earlier to be fresh for the next day's learning!

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- 3 Students can learn at their own pace as they progress through online work; there is no need to stop work because a bell has rung, and there is no pressure to keep up with others. The removal of time constraints is beneficial for many students who then have the chance to revisit, at a later point, aspects of learning which they have not completely understood. With online learning, they can do this as often as they like and in their own time.
- 4 Online learning provides opportunities for individual feedback at a time which is mutually suitable for both student and teacher, and this feedback can be tailored to the needs of the individual student. Good teachers always give feedback and opportunities for students to ask questions in a classroom setting, but large classes can sometimes make this difficult. Students who are shy about speaking out in class might feel empowered to engage in dialogue with their teacher in the more private setting online. Furthermore, in science, for instance, some experiments considered too dangerous for the school laboratory such as those involving noxious fumes or dangerous elements like phosphorus or mercury can be demonstrated more safely online. This shows the broader range of learning content which is available in the online classroom.
- Classroom learning also has many advantages. Because teachers are physically present, they can identify immediately any problems students are facing. Classroom students can work more easily in groups so that they help each other in their learning. This ability to cooperate with others is a life skill that will have a beneficial impact on other aspects of the students' lives, for example in personal relationships and, later, in the world of work. Teachers should never underestimate the advantages of group work. Valuable feedback from other students, and not just the teacher, is easier to achieve in a classroom setting, and this feedback from someone their own age may have greater impact.
- Classroom learning provides an important opportunity for students to socialise, whether during breaks or on the journey to and from school. No one can survive without friends, and there are many instances of lifelong friendships being formed in school. Schools also offer chances for extra-curricular activities, ranging from drama groups and debating societies to various sports clubs, all of which enhance the overall experience of school life.
- The classroom environment comes with its own rules which are separate from those of the home, and obeying school rules encourages personal discipline which builds character and is useful in later life. After all, when they leave school, students will continue to encounter rules throughout their lives. Moreover, classroom students gain access to facilities which cannot be provided online, such as gyms and dance or yoga studios, and, of course, the joy of 'real' books in a school library. The learning environment of the classroom is generally more educationally stimulating than the kitchen, living room or study at home, with things like wall displays of students' work and study-related pictures and photographs.

Passage 2

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When Laurent left university, a life devoted to reading was his plan, but it had not worked out that way.

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