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## ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

8021/23

Paper 2 Comprehension

May/June 2021

1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

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### 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.

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This document has **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.







(c) Using the material and your own knowledge, suggest why protests have been taking place recently at the oil company's other sites (Additional Information 15).

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(d) Suggest other reasons, not identified in the material, why some parents may choose home-schooling over regular schooling even if their jobs do not take them away from their children.

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[Total: 25]

**Section B**

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

- 2 (a) According to the first two paragraphs, explain why scientists are so concerned about lionfish in the Atlantic Ocean.

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

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- (b) Identify **two** reasons why the lionfish came to be in the Caribbean Sea in the first place.

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

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- (c) According to paragraphs 2 to 5, explain why lionfish have been able to dominate the Caribbean Sea.

Answer **in about 30 words**.

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(d) Identify evidence in the material to support the point that lionfish are ‘voracious predators’ (line 31).

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

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(e) Identify a word in the material that has the same meaning as the following word or phrase:

(i) one of a kind

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(ii) bad

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(iii) on purpose

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(iv) far-reaching

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(v) courses of action.

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(f) Identify **three** reasons why lionfish might become a popular restaurant dish in the future.

Answer in about 30 words.

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(g) Suggest the benefits **and** drawbacks of the solution to train sharks to eat the lionfish.

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(h) Other than the difficulty of training sharks, identify **two** other reasons why it is so difficult to eradicate lionfish.

reason 1 .....

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reason 2 .....

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