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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of FIVE sections:

   SECTION A: COMPREHENSION
   SECTION B: PRÉCIS
   SECTION C: VIEWING
   SECTION D: LANGUAGE IN PRACTICE
   SECTION E: COMMUNICATION IN PRACTICE

2. Answer all the questions.

3. Read ALL the questions carefully.

4. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.

5. Start each question on a new page.

6. Start each section on a new page.

7. Use only a blue or black pen.

8. Write neatly and legibly.

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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1

Read the article below and answer the questions that follow.

Macsteel awarded Guinness World Records status

1. In a quest to pursue reinvention with their pioneering technology, steel and value-added steel products, merchandiser and distributor Macsteel broke a world record. They became the new Guinness World Records title holder for the longest roof span covered by a single metal corrugated sheet. The sheet spans 280 m, across the widest part of the roof covering the retail business Pick n Pay's new flagship distribution centre in Kempton Park, Gauteng.

2. "We are thrilled to be officially recognised as a Guinness World Records title holder. Besides that, 'Pursuing Reinvention' is about more than setting a world record for us, it's about taking our customers on the journey with us and finding innovative ways to grow our business while enabling our customers to keep their businesses thriving, especially in such a trying economic climate," says Macsteel's CEO Mike Benfield.

3. Mr Benfield also mentioned that ensuring sustainability remained a key focus in both a global and South African context, and the company had primed innovation as one of its key strategic pillars. 'We're focused on contributing to the recovery of the steel industry, but more importantly, ensuring the resilience and agility of our business as we focus on pursuing more cost-effective solutions to assist our customers.'

4. Macsteel product solutions are developed for customers with the same vigour and consideration as Macsteel with its 'Pursuing Reinvention' strategy. "It's about understanding what the market needs, recognising, and creating a fit-for-purpose solution that benefits our customers. It is what we did with the development of the Macsteel roofing product NOVOTEXI 440 and the Sky Forming technology that is used to install it," adds Benfield.

5. The pioneering technology, which enabled Macsteel to achieve their status of Guinness World Records title holder, is their revolutionary roofing product NOVOTEXI 440, roll-formed onsite, using their industry-leading Sky Forming process. It would have been much harder to break the world record without pairing these two Macsteel innovations, commented Benfield.

6. NOVOTEXI 440 was developed by Macsteel to resist high winds and other engineering challenges faced on large-scale roofing projects. Sky Forming is a unique NOVOTEXI 440 installation solution, streamlining the roofing of mega-build projects. The ground-breaking process entails the roll-forming container producing the NOVOTEXI 440 sheet, being lifted to the level of the roof so that they can seamlessly apply their product, at height and at speed.

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7. The Sky Forming process was developed to meet the rigorous safety requirements of the Department of Labour which enables Macsteel to offer a differentiated service to stakeholders in the construction sector. "Our customers are at the heart of everything we do and we understand the importance of establishing customer partnerships in the early stages of a project. This enables us to provide strategic support, from design to installation, with cost-effective steel solutions for both temporary and permanent structures," concludes Benfield.

Adapted from Engineering news, 2022

1.1 Refer to the title: **Macsteel awarded Guinness World Records status**

1.1.1 Is this statement LITERAL or FIGURATIVE? (1)

1.1.2 Give a reason for your answer in QUESTION 1.1.1. (2)

1.2 Name THREE things that are more valuable to Macsteel than holding the world record (paragraph 2). (3)

1.3 'while enabling our customers to keep their businesses thriving' (paragraph 2).

1.3.1 What does the CEO mean by 'businesses thriving'? Explain, using your own words. (2)

1.3.2 What do you understand by the term, 'pioneering technology' (paragraph 1)? (2)

1.4 'especially in such a trying economic climate' (paragraph 2).

Explain the reference to the *trying economic climate*. (2)

1.5 State whether each of the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Quote from the article in paragraph 4 to support each answer.

1.5.1 Macsteel created a fit-for-purpose solution that wouldn't benefit their customers. (3)

1.5.2 Macsteel uses Sky forming technology to install NOVOTEXI 440. (3)

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1.6 Refer to paragraph 3.

Is Mr Benfield concerned about his customers? Support your answer. (3)

1.7 How do we know that the NOVOTEXI 440 is created at the place of installation? Quote in support of your answer. (paragraph 5) (2)

1.8 Which word in paragraph 5 indicates that both innovations were necessary to break the record? (1)

1.9 Indicate whether each of the following statements from paragraph 6 is a FACT or an OPINION.

Quote in support of your answer.

1.9.1 NOVOTEXI 440 was engineered to resist challenges such as high winds. (3)

1.9.2 The NOVOTEXI 440 sheet must be applied quickly. (3)

1.10 Explain what is meant by *ground-breaking* (paragraph 6). (2)

1.11 For what reason was Macsteel awarded the Guinness World Record? (2)

1.12 What does the speaker mean by, 'our customers are at the heart of everything we do?' (paragraph 7) (2)

1.13 What do you understand by the statement: 'rigorous safety requirements of the Department of Labour?' (paragraph 7) (2)

1.14 What made it easy for Macsteel to break the record? (2)

1.15 Who is the target audience of this article? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

1.16 Complete the following sentence by quoting from the article in paragraph 6.

'Sky Forming is a unique NOVOTEXI 440 … (2)

1.17 What is the main purpose of this article? Give a reason for your answer.

A To challenge
B To annoy
C To inform (3)

1.18 What do you think it means to Macsteel to hold the Guinness World Record? (3)

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TOTAL SECTION A: 50

SECTION B: PRÉCIS

QUESTION 2

Read the passage and write a précis of **not less than 75 words** and **not more than 85 words.**

INSTRUCTIONS

- Write a paragraph of TEN points in which you discuss **the International Finance Corporation's role in the residential housing project and what the project provided for the South African lower- to middle-income earner.**
- Provide a heading that is different from the one used in the original text.
- Use your own words as far as possible. Marks will be deducted if you copy verbatim from the passage.
- Indicate the number of words in brackets at the end of the précis. Do not exceed the number of words stated above.

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AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL HOUSING IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. To improve access to affordable, sustainable residential housing in South Africa, World Bank Group member the International Finance Corporation (IFC) has announced an investment to support South African residential property developer Alley roads to build over 1 000 rental apartment units in the Johannesburg area.
2. The IFC's R325-million loan to Alley roads will help the company finance construction of the apartments, which are aimed at lower-to middle-income households with an average yearly salary of about R238 000.The apartments will comprise two bedrooms with an average size of 62 m², and will be built near hospitals, schools and markets, and will provide green spaces and play areas for children.
3. The apartments are aimed at reducing the gap in Johannesburg's affordable housing market. The project also aims to support economic activity by creating 860 jobs during the construction phase, and 45 jobs during the operating phase. Project completion is scheduled for 2023.
4. "The group is extremely thankful to the IFC for having the confidence in our ability to deliver these much-needed housing units to this sector of the residential market. The team is ready to roll up their sleeves and ensure the timely delivery of excellent quality units," says Alley roads Group MD, Ivan Pretorius.
5. The apartments will be designed to meet IFC's EDGE Advanced green building standards, which makes them zero-carbon ready and among the first residential units to achieve such a high resource efficiency in sub-Saharan Africa. Alley roads will install on-site solar panels to supply about 30% of the development's energy needs. Alley roads is a locally-owned Level 2 black economic empowerment company.
6. The IFC says it is committed to supporting the government of South Africa's economic transformation agenda and increasing the economic participation of historically disadvantaged citizens. As part of its support to South Africa's housing market, the IFC is working with partners in the country to improve access to affordable housing and student accommodation.

[Adapted fromhttps://pressroom.ifc.org/all/pages/PressDetail.aspx?ID=27089]

TOTAL SECTION B: 20

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SECTION C: VIEWING

QUESTION 3

3.1 Study the magazine cover below and answer the questions that follow.



NOTE: The small print on the magazine cover reads as follows:

- Doctors separate food fact from fiction
  - Q&A : Can a fright turn hair white?
    - Can we clone a Neanderthal?
    - How do chameleons change colour?

Glossary:

- Virtual: Computerized/online existence
- Clone: Produce artificially
- Neanderthal: extinct species of humans
- Chameleon: lizard
- Jurassic Park: U.S film about dinosaurs

3.1.1 Refer to the title of the magazine: FOCUS

What does the word 'Focus' expect the reader to do? (2)

3.1.2 Identify the two scientists who wrote the guide to the cosmos Part 3. (2)

3.1.3 How does the sub-heading, 'Science and Technology' provide information about the content of this magazine? (2)

3.1.4 Focus on the picture which can be seen either as an apple or a hand grenade. Comment on why the caption asks: 'Is anything good for you anymore?' in the context of the picture. (3)

3.1.5 Who is the target audience of this magazine? (1)

3.1.6 Refer to the article 'How trees speak to each other'.

Is this a literal or figurative statement? Support your answer. (3)

3.1.7 'Doctors separate food fact from fiction.' Explain the difference between 'fact' and 'fiction.' (2)

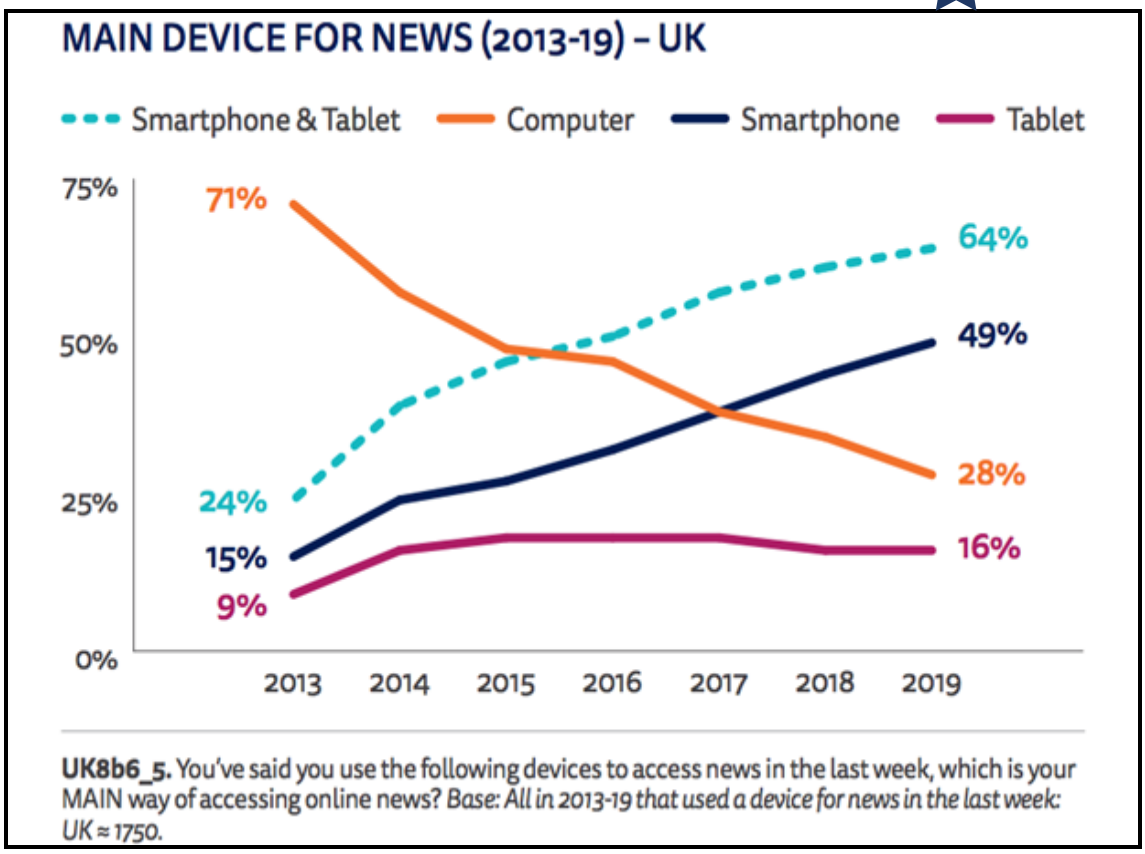
3.1.8 'Is anything good for you anymore?' What does the word 'anymore' imply? (2)

3.1.9 What is a virtual Jurassic Park? (2)

3.1.10 What content would you expect from each of the following articles?

3.1.10.1 'Can a fright turn hair white?'
3.1.10.2 'How do chameleons change colour?' (2 × 2) (4)

3.2 Study the graph below and answer the questions that follow.



Note: The percentages per device are provided in the following table from left to right:

Device	Percentages
Smartphone & Tablet	24% to 64%
Computer	71%to 28%
Smartphone	15% to 49%
Tablet	9% to 16%

3.2.1 Who is the target audience of the products listed? (1)

3.2.2 Identify the product that declined between 2013 and 2019. Suggest a possible reason for this decline. (2)

3.2.3 Which device demonstrated the largest increase? Suggest a possible reason for the increase. (2)

3.2.4 Why is the tablet the least popular device? (2)

TOTAL SECTION C: 30

SECTION D: LANGUAGE IN PRACTICE

QUESTION 4

Read the text below and answer the questions.

Beckoning Opportunities

Metals sector urged to seize steel master plan's promises

1. (4.1.1…South African/South Africa's) metal(4.1.2…punctuation)sector employer organisation has asked all employer bodies to roll up (4.1.3…there/their) sleeves and get their (4.1.4 ... teeth/tooth) into the steel master plan which seems to have promising reindustrialisation elements. Lucio Trentini, (4.1.5 ... in/by) his capacity as the CEO of the nigh-80-year-old Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of Southern Africa (Seifsa), described the challenges faced (4.1.6… preposition) the metals and engineering sector as (4.1.7…being/been) 'quite daunting' and highlighted the amazing resilience that members (4.1.8 ... past tense of has) displayed.

2. When Trentini joined South Africa's metals and engineering sector from JCI Gold and Uranium Company 30 years ago, it employed (4.1.9 ... many/more/much) than half a million blue-collar workers. (4.1.10 ... Sadly/Sadely), it is now down to less than half that number. 'Jobs (4.1.11 ... correct form of *to be*) scarce and we need to hold on to the jobs we have and allow the government to create an (4.1.12 ... Add a suffix to enable to make it an adjective) environment,' said action- (4.1.13 ... Add a suffix to orient to make it an adjective) Trenini.

3. Seifsa has a combined membership of more than 1200 companies that (4.1.14…employs/employ) 170 000 personnel. Formed in 1943, (4.1.15 ... it's/its) members range from the giant steelmaking corporations to micro-enterprises employing (4.1.16 .. few/fewer/less) than 50 people. "The message that I want to put (4.1.17 ... on/in/out) is that this industry stands ready to make its contribution to translating the(4.1.18…government's/governments') vision of re-industrialising the metals and engineering sector (4.1.19…conjunction) to start translating visions, promises and policy (4.1.20... preposition) action and deliverables.

[Adapted from *Engineering News* magazine]

4.1 Complete the passage by choosing the correct word or preposition, writing down the correct conjunction, punctuation or form of the word. Write only the answer next to the question number (4.1.1 – 4.1.20) in the ANSWER BOOK. (20)

4.2 Refer to the following sentence:

<u>Unfortunately</u>, it is now down to less than half that number.

Write the opposite of the underlined word and use it in a sentence. (2)

4.3 Give antonyms of your own for the following words in context:

4.3.1 joined (paragraph 2,line 1) (1)

4.3.2 less (paragraph 2 line 4) (1)

4.4 Provide synonyms of your own for the following words in context:

4.4.1 amazing (paragraph 1,line 8) (1)

4.4.2 scarce (paragraph 2 line 5) (1)

4.5 Rewrite the following sentence in the present tense.

Jobs were scarce and we needed to hold on to what we had. (3)

4.6 Add a question tag to the sentence below.

This industry stands ready to make its contribution to translating government's vision. (2)

4.7 Rewrite the following sentence in the passive voice.

South Africa's metal-sector employer organisation has asked all employer bodies to roll up their sleeves and get their teeth into the steel master plan. (4)

4.8 Rewrite the following sentence in the negative form:

It employs more than half-a-million blue-collar workers. (2)

4.9 Identify the part of speech of each of the following words in context:

4.9.1 South Africa (paragraph 1,line 1) (1)
4.9.2 employer (paragraph 1,line 2) (1)
4.9.3 blue-collar (paragraph 2, line 3) (1)

TOTAL SECTION D: 40

SECTION E: COMMUNICATION IN PRACTICE

QUESTION 5

Read the comic strip and cartoon below and answer the questions that follow.

CARTOON A

FRAME 1 **FRAME 2**



FRAME 3 **FRAME 4**

The text in the above reads:
Frame 1: Mom, just so you know, I can text and be completely aware and present in a conversation
Frame 2: It comes from being perfectly comfortable existing in both a physical space and a cyber space at the same time
Frame 3: You may not have this skill, but most of my generation does – it comes from practice
In any case, I'm just about finished on my phone for the moment.
Frame 4: So, dad, you were saying?
I was saying how impressed I am with how completely aware and present you are.

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5.1 Refer to frame 1.

5.1.1 Explain how the mother's body language reveals her feelings. (2)

5.1.2 What does the word 'completely' suggest about the point that the boy is making? (2)

5.2 Refer to frame 2:
What does the mother's hand gesture mean? (2)

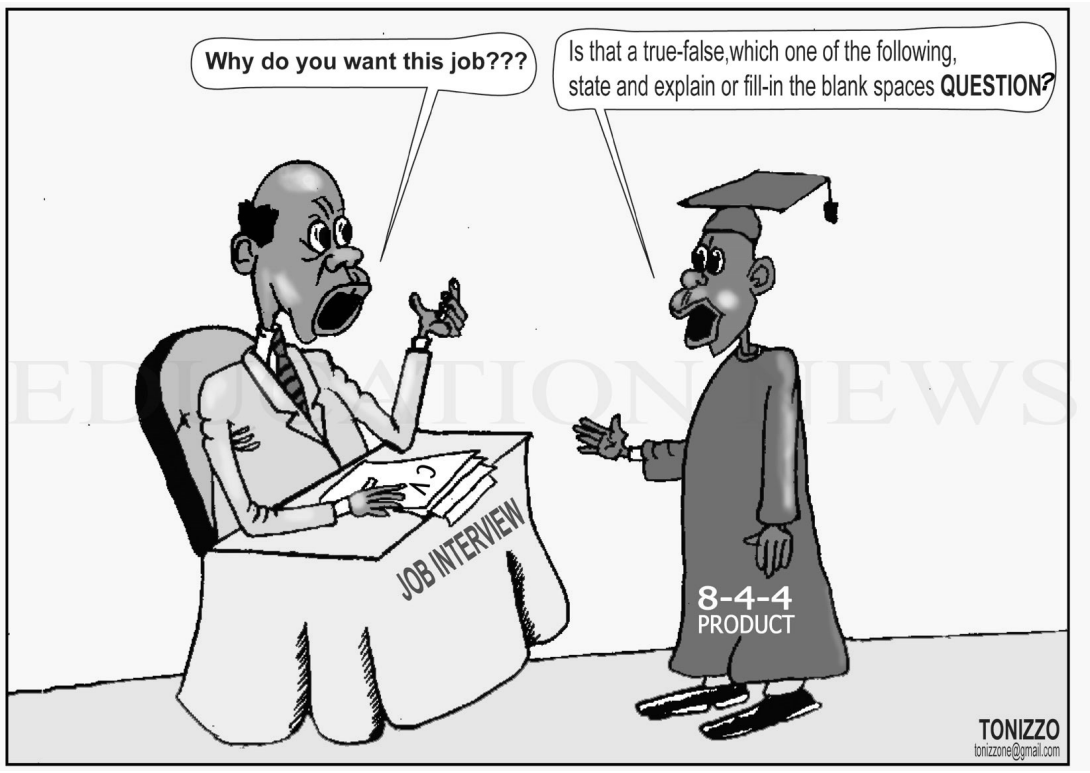
5.3 How does the boy highlight the inter-generational differences between them in frame 3? (2)

5.4 Refer to the following statement in frame 3: 'You may not have this skill.'

What is the boy suggesting? (2)

5.5 Explain the humour in frame 4. (3)

CARTOON B



The text above reads:
Why do you want this job?
Is that a true-false, which one of the following, state and explain or fill-in the blank spaces QUESTION?

5.6 What procedure does this cartoon represent? (1)

5.7 Why does the interviewee come dressed in his graduation clothes? (2)

5.8 Who is the humour in this cartoon aimed at? (1)

5.9 Explain the humour in the interviewee's response. (3)
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QUESTION 6

6.1 Study the following advertisement and answer the questions that follow.



The text reads: BAJAJ KING of MILEAGE
NUMBER ONE CHOICE FOR YOUR
TRAVEL BUSINESS
TRANSREV BAJAJ info@africabajaj.com +2783227940

6.1.1 Who is the target audience of this advertisement? (1)

6.1.2 What does the advertiser mean by 'King of Mileage?' (2)

6.1.3 How can interested clients get information about the advertised product? (1)

6.1.4 Why would this vehicle appeal to travel business individuals? (2)

6.1.5 What emotions do the facial expressions of the driver and the passengers suggest? (2)

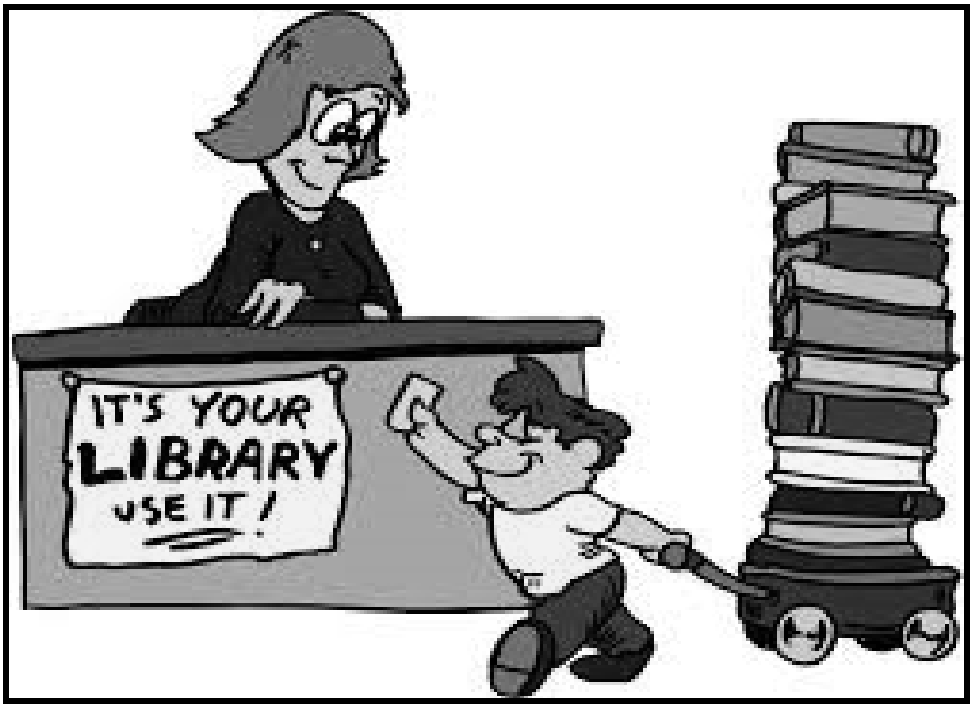
6.1.6 Refer to the caption "NUMBER ONE CHOICE FOR YOUR TRAVEL BUSINESS".

Is this statement an example of OBJECTIVE or SUBJECTIVE language? Motivate your answer. (3)

6.1.7 On what element of persuasion is this advertisement based? Choose from the options below. Write only the letter (A–C) next to the question number (6.1.7) in the ANSWER BOOK.

A Ethos
B Logos
C Pathos (1)

6.2 Read the cartoon and answer the questions that follow.



6.2.1 What does the boy's facial expression suggest? (2)

6.2.2 How does the boy's loaded trolley contribute to your understanding of his attitude toward reading? (2)

6.2.3 *It's your library, use it!* Is this a literal or figurative statement? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

6.2.4 What do you think are the librarian's feelings toward the boy as she looks down at him? (2)

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TOTAL SECTION E: 40
GRAND TOTAL: 180

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