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The theme of this examination paper is
Journeys and Adventure

Instructions

There are **three** sections in this paper.

Section A	Reading Comprehension	60 marks	5 questions
Section B	Writing for a Variety of Purposes	50 marks	2 questions
Section C	Responding Imaginatively	70 marks	4 questions

Answer all eleven questions.

The questions do not carry equal marks. The number of marks for each question is stated at the top of the question.

You should spend about 40 minutes on Section A, 35 minutes on Section B and 40 minutes on Section C.

When answering on studied material, you must use texts in line with what is prescribed for this year's examination.

Write your answers in the space provided in this booklet. You may lose marks if you do not do so. You are not required to use all of the space provided. You should read each question in full before beginning your response.

Extra pages are provided if needed. Label any extra work clearly with the question number and part.

You may only use blue or black pen when writing your answers. Do not use pencil.

This examination booklet will be scanned and your work will be presented to an examiner on screen. Anything that you write outside of the answer areas may not be seen by the examiner.

Suggested time for Section A: 40 minutes

Read the following texts about the adventurer and television celebrity Bear Grylls. Complete the tasks that follow.



Text A: Fast Facts about Bear Grylls

- His real name is Edward Michael Grylls but his sister gave him the nickname Bear when he was one week old.
- In the army, Bear was trained in parachuting, demolition, unarmed combat, jungle warfare and as a trauma medic.
- During his service in the army, he suffered a free-fall parachuting accident in Africa where he broke his back in three places.
- Bear climbed Mount Everest aged 23 in 1998, entering the Guinness World Records as one of Everest's youngest ever climbers.
- The expedition almost killed him when the ice cracked at 19,000 feet and the ground disappeared beneath him. The fall knocked him unconscious. He was saved by his teammate and a piece of rope.

Text B: Born Survivor – Interview with Bear Grylls

In this interview, Bear Grylls talks about his passion for adventure, and his TV series.

Where did your passion for adventure and travel spring from?

From a young age I was climbing with my dad and making rafts. The Scouts helped me develop a love for the outdoors, plus the fact that the whole world is truly open to us if we have the will and determination to go out and make things happen.

What's your proudest moment?

Passing army selection was a huge thing at a young age in my life and it gave me a confidence that I didn't have before. That's where I also learnt so many of the survival skills that I used on the show, as well as an understanding that good old hard work is key to success. By now I was hooked on adventure!

We've been hooked on *Running Wild with Bear Grylls*. What inspired the TV show and has it taught you anything new?

If you strip man of everything, no microwave, bed, hot water, blanket or any of the stuff you take for granted - are the skills and courage that man has gained over thousands of years just gone in a generation? Have we lost our steel and edge? Or, when we're pushed, are they still somewhere in there? That's the experiment I wanted to carry out in this show. Are humans still natural hunters or have we, as a species, been tamed by civilisation?

How do you deal with the criticisms that you're faced with by the media?

There is always going to be criticism, no matter what the project, especially if it is successful. We've created an amazing experiment putting these men and women into a completely natural, wild, hazardous environment with nothing but the clothes on their backs and cameras to film their experiences. It's exciting!



Question 1**(10 marks)**

Base your answers on **Text A** on page 3. Place a tick ✓ in the box beside the correct answer.
Tick one box only in each case.

(a) When did his sister give him the nickname Bear?

When he was one day old

When he was one month old

When he was one week old

When he was one

(b) During his service in the army, Bear,

fell off a mountain

broke his back in three places

fell into the ice

got lost in a jungle

(c) What does the word hazardous mean?

Exciting

Difficult

Dangerous

Lonely

(d) Bear Grylls was almost killed on Mount Everest when ice cracked at

nine hundred feet

nineteen thousand feet

nine thousand feet

ninety thousand feet

(e) When did Bear Grylls climb Mount Everest?

Nineteen ninety-eight

Nineteen eighty-three

Nineteen twenty-three

Nineteen ninety

Text C: Tom Crean Explorer

Read the following text about Irish explorer Tom Crean and complete the task that follows:

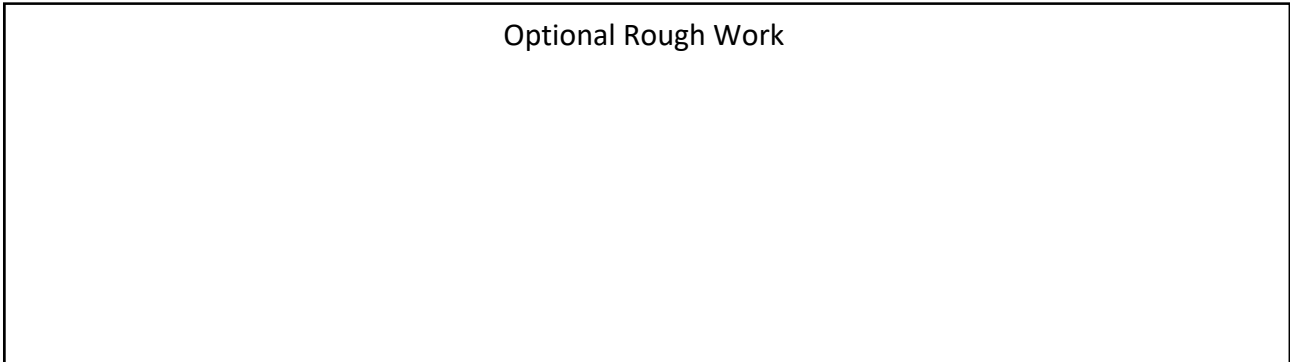
- Tom Crean lied about his age and claimed to be 16 years old rather than his true age of 15, to be allowed join the navy.
- On Tom Crean's first expedition to Antarctica, his colleague Ernest Joyce suffered severe frostbite to one of his feet and was in danger of having it amputated. One by one, Tom Crean and the rest of the men allowed Joyce to put his frozen foot on their stomachs. It was torture and each man could only stand it for a few minutes. But their body warmth did the trick and his foot was saved.
- On his second expedition with Captain Robert Scott, Tom Crean smuggled a rabbit onto the *Terra Nova* ship which gave birth to seventeen baby rabbits on board. The *Terra Nova* was also weighed down with several years' worth of food, 19 horses and 33 dogs.
- When their ship became trapped in the ice of the Weddell Sea, the men entertained themselves by playing football on the ice.
- Due to boredom, all the crew aboard the ship decided to shave their heads during the winter of 1915.
- On one expedition Crean had to trek 35 miles to get help to rescue his colleagues. He walked the first 16 without stopping for a break. When he did stop, it was only for 5 minutes and to eat two biscuits and two pieces of chocolate.



Question 5

(10 marks)

Study the information on the poster *What to wear in Antarctica: Then and Now*, and answer the questions on page 11.



Poster: *What to wear in Antarctica: Then and Now*

WHAT TO WEAR IN ANTARCTICA: THEN AND NOW

Historical Clothing:

- WOOLEN HAT
- WOOLEN SCARF
- WINDPROOF CANVAS COAT (WOOLEN CLOTHING UNDERNEATH)
- WINDPROOF CANVAS TROUSERS (WOOLEN CLOTHING UNDERNEATH)
- STRONG BOOTS WITH CANVAS WRAPPINGS TO KEEP THE WIND OUT
- REINDEER FUR GLOVES WITH HARNESS SO THEY ARE NOT LOST

Modern Clothing:

- FLEECE HAT, NECKWARMER AND FACE MASK
- FOUNDATION LAYERS
- INSULATION LAYERS
- SPECIALIST GLOVES
- THICK PADDED JACKET
- THICK PADDED TROUSERS
- SPECIAL BOOTS (INNER INSULATING LAYER AND AN OUTER SHELL)
- MODERN DAY SLED

Suggested time for Section B: 35 minutes

Question 6

(20 marks)

Inspired by **one** of the pictures below, write a short article for your school website to persuade young people that:

“If you have the will and the determination, you can make things happen.”

Give your article a title. You may not use the line given above.



Picture A



Picture B



Picture C

Optional Rough Work

Chosen picture:

Title:

Article:

Question 8**(10 marks)**

From your understanding of the poem, place a tick ✓ in the box beside the correct answer.
Tick one box only in each case.

(a) What does the phrase, to sun lazily mean?

- To run along the beach
- To walk beside the pool
- To take a brisk walk
- To relax and sunbathe

(b) What does the phrase glacier packed mountain tops mean?

- Mountains in summer sunshine
- Mountains that are covered in ice
- Mountains with lots of forests
- Very cold valleys

(c) What does the word instant mean as used in this poem?

- Hourly
- Emergency
- Immediately
- Slowly

(d) What does the poet describe in this poem?

- Places in the world the poet has worked
- Images that the poet has viewed on a computer
- Places the poet would hate to visit
- Places that don't exist

(e) What does the phrase exotic faraway landscapes mean?

- Dull and isolated places
- Busy cities
- The countryside
- Exciting and distant lands

Question 9

(10 marks)

The editor of a travel magazine has decided to use each of the following lines from the poem as captions for photographs in the magazine. Write a short description of the photograph that you think should accompany each caption.

(a) *Stroll white sand beaches on tropic islands*

(b) *Green country sides and floral valleys*

(c) Imagine you are making a short film version of your chosen poem. What three images would you include in the film to show viewers what you think is most important in the poem? Give a reason for each image.

Optional Rough Work

Image 1:
Reason:

Image 2:
Reason:

Image 3:
Reason:

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