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PAPER 1 (LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT)

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**Time:** 2 hours  
**Examiner:** Mr R. Neale

**Marks:** 70  
**Moderator:** Mrs N. Atkinson

### INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

#### 1. Setting out your work

- a. Draw a 2cm wide margin on the right-hand side of each page of your answer booklet.
- b. Number each answer exactly as the question paper is numbered.
- c. Leave a line after each answer.
- d. Rule off after each section.

#### 2. Structure of the paper: There are three sections. Answer **all** the questions.

- a. SECTION A: Comprehension (30 marks)
- b. SECTION B: Summary (10 marks)
- c. SECTION C: Language (30 marks)

#### 3. Advice

- a. Ensure that you have all 8 pages of this question paper.
- b. Write legibly and present your work neatly.
- c. Read each question very carefully.
- d. Use your time carefully. Suggested time management:
  - i. Section A: approximately 50 minutes
  - ii. Section B: approximately 25 minutes
  - iii. Section C: approximately 45 minutes

## SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

### QUESTION 1: READING FOR MEANING AND UNDERSTANDING

Read the following texts and answer the questions that follow, in full sentences unless otherwise instructed.

#### TEXT A

An article from Vox.

<b>Movie Review: Alpha</b>		
1	On one hand, Alpha is thoroughly conventional: a drama about a teenager who is separated from his family and, while finding his way home, learns to be a man, with the help and companionship of his dog. That's basically the plot of a family-friendly Disney-style film, peppered with heartwarming moments of connection and growth and discovery. But the setting and stunning imagery set this film entirely apart from the stereotypical Disney film.	1  5
2	The film is set in the Ice Age and in that prehistoric world lives a clan of hunters. Keda, a boy in the tribe, is very soft-hearted, reluctant at first to kill any living being, which is not a particularly desirable quality in a hunter. And when the clan tracks a buffalo, his timidity becomes his downfall, as he's charged and then thrown off a cliff, onto a ledge far below. His broken-hearted father and the rest of the men leave him for dead.	10
3	And then, he wakes up.	
4	The movie intensifies from this point and, while trying to stay alive, Keda winds up in the company of a wounded wolf who has been separated from its pack. Slowly, carefully, he nurses the wolf back to health and asserts his own dominance over the animal. In other words, we're watching the domestication of the first dog, whom Keda names Alpha. The two, it soon becomes clear, will need one another's help if they're to survive the winter. As Keda staggers across the wilderness carrying an injured wolf, or nearly shivers to death, or is stalked by hyenas, his struggle is palpable.	15
5	So even though the plot of Alpha is ultimately predictable, because of its setting and honesty about the brutality of survival it's genuinely engrossing. A boundary-pushing, subtitled, Ice Age-set coming of age drama about a dog and a teenager who misses his family, but who sets his own broken ankle and tears into a raw, recently hunted rabbit with his teeth? I'm surprised it exists, but I hope it's not the last of its kind.	20

<https://www.theverge.com/2018/9/11/17842410/pet-tame-foxes-domestication-dogs-genetics>

TEXT B



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QUESTIONS.

**Refer to text A.**

1. Who is the protagonist of the film? (1)
2. What type of Canine is Alpha? (1)
3. Pick three words from paragraph one to describe the film. (3)
4. What time-period is the film set in? (1)
5. Refer to paragraph 5. Why do you think the filmmakers chose to subtitle the film rather than have the characters simply speak English? (2)
6. Why do you think the third paragraph only consists of a single sentence? (1)
7. Refer to paragraph 4. What do Alpha and Keda have in common? (1)
8. Refer to the whole passage. List three things that could have killed Keda. (3)
9. Provide 2 collective nouns from the passage for people living in this period of history. (2)
10. Do you think that Keda has a more difficult life than the modern teenager? Justify your answer with evidence from the passage. (2)
11. Which of the options below do you think best describes the film? Write the letter only. (1)
  - a. coming of age
  - b. drama
  - c. horror
  - d. high fantasy
12. What are the qualities of a hunter that Keda does not exhibit at the start of the film? Justify your answer in your own words. (2)
13. Do you think this film is appropriate for children? Quote to support your answer. (1)
14. Refer to paragraph 5. Why do you think the author is surprised the film exists? Answer in your own words. (3)

**QUESTIONS: refer to text A.**

15. The poster is primarily blue. What does this tell us about the climate portrayed in the film? (1)
16. Quote three words which tell us a dog will be an important part of the film. (1)
17. When does the film start showing? (1)
18. What has happened to Keda, as depicted in the poster? (2)
19. What is Alpha doing? (1)

**[SECTION A TOTAL: 30]**

## SECTION B: SUMMARY

### QUESTION 2: SUMMARISING IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Carefully read TEXT C, below.

Summarise the article in your OWN WORDS in a fluent paragraph of 80 words containing seven points.

NOTE:

- It is not necessary to write down a heading for your summary.
- Indicate an accurate word count clearly at the end of your summary.
- Marks will be deducted if you ignore these instructions

### TEXT C

#### The Founding of Rome

The city of Rome was the largest city in the world c. 100 BC – c. AD 400 and, at its height, the Roman Empire incorporated 20% of the world's population. Ancient Rome has had a vast impact on modern civilisation including providing the foundation for modern democracies and infrastructure in the form of roads and waterworks.

According to Roman Mythology, the founders of Rome were Romulus and Remus. Legend has it that the twins were born around 770 BC, the sons of a mortal priestess, Rhea Silvia, and the Roman god of war, Mars. The boys were abandoned at birth and thrown into the River Tiber in a cradle. It was thanks to a wolf that they survived their abandonment. A she-wolf found them in the river and rescued them by taking them to her cave lair, and suckling them on her milk. They were soon found by the shepherd, Faustulus, and raised to adulthood by him.

The twins decided to establish a city in the place the wolf found them, which became the city of Rome. However, the pair argued about who had the support of the gods, and Romulus killed Remus in a fight.

Romulus, now king of Rome, found that his city primarily consisted of men because he had granted sanctuary to the rabble and outcasts of other cities, so he set about stealing women from the Sabine tribe to build the population of his new city. Roman scholars record that Romulus also created Rome's military system and government, and conquered many areas of modern Italy before his death.

[https://www.ancient.eu/Romulus\\_and\\_Remus/](https://www.ancient.eu/Romulus_and_Remus/)

**[SECTION B TOTAL: 10]**

## SECTION C: LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT

### QUESTION 3: ANALYSING ADVERTISING

Study the following advertisements and then answer the questions set.

#### TEXT D



The text reads:

“EXTRA  
TEARPROOF  
DOGLEASHES”

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#### TEXT E

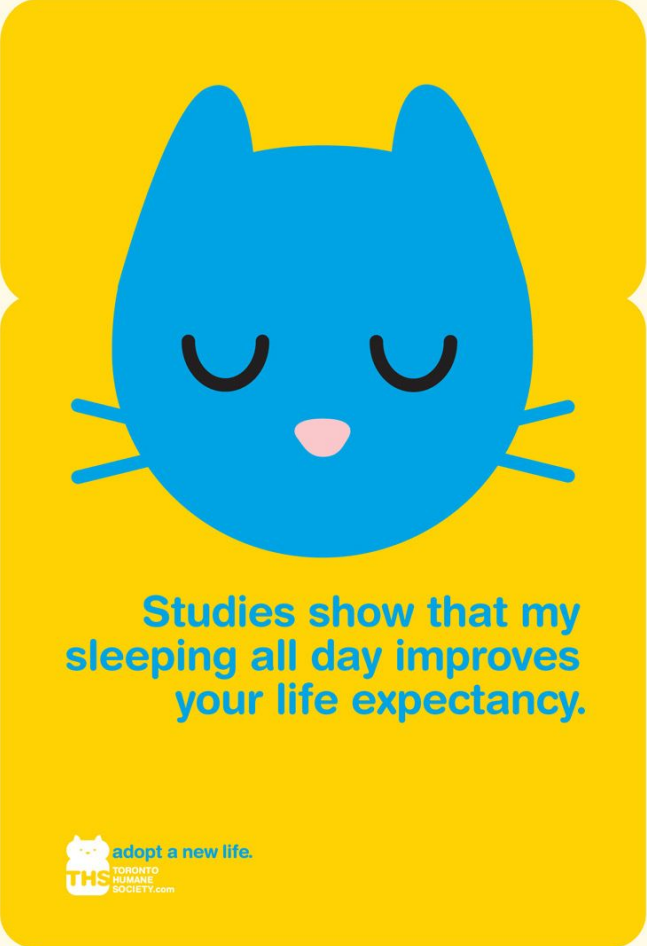


The text reads:

“FOR STRONG  
DOGS”

[https://www.google.co.za/search?q=for+strong+dogs+ad&rlz=1C1MSIM\\_enZA746ZA746&tbm=isch&source=inms&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjOO\\_KHj5\\_eAhUvsqQKHSKWDJwQ\\_AUICygC&biw=1280&bih=913&dpr=1#](https://www.google.co.za/search?q=for+strong+dogs+ad&rlz=1C1MSIM_enZA746ZA746&tbm=isch&source=inms&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjOO_KHj5_eAhUvsqQKHSKWDJwQ_AUICygC&biw=1280&bih=913&dpr=1#)

## TEXT F

	<p>The text at the bottom of the advert reads:</p> <p>“adopt a new life”</p> <p><a href="https://www.google.co.za/url?sa=i&amp;source=images&amp;cad=rja&amp;uact=8&amp;ved=2ahUKEwjto buJkJ_eAhXPJIAKHUJKArwQjRx6BAGBEAU&amp;url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.adsoftheworld.com%2Fmedia%2Fprint%2Fsleeping&amp;psig=AOvVaw214KY689CEDnWthkHKXgPM&amp;ust=1540472129837643">https://www.google.co.za/url?sa=i&amp;source=images&amp;cad=rja&amp;uact=8&amp;ved=2ahUKEwjto buJkJ_eAhXPJIAKHUJKArwQjRx6BAGBEAU&amp;url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.adsoftheworld.com%2Fmedia%2Fprint%2Fsleeping&amp;psig=AOvVaw214KY689CEDnWthkHKXgPM&amp;ust=1540472129837643</a></p>
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### Refer to text D

1. Which word best describes the cat? Write one word from the options below. (1)
  - a. mocking
  - b. cute
  - c. angry
2. What relevance does the product advertised have to the image? Explain your answer fully with reference to the image and the text. (3)

### Refer to text E

3. What is the unique selling point of the product in this advert? (1)
4. How does the image portray this unique selling point? (1)

### Refer to text F


5. Who is speaking in this advert? (1)
6. What is ironic in this advert? (2)
7. What action does the advert hope the reader to take? (1)

**[QUESTION 3 TOTAL: 10]**

**QUESTION 4: UNDERSTANDING OTHER ASPECTS OF MEDIA - OPINION AND ANALYSIS**

**TEXT G**

A *Garfield* cartoon. The characters depicted are Jon (the man), Garfield (the cat), and Odie (the dog).




1. What emotion is Garfield feeling in the last frame of the cartoon? Provide one visual detail to justify your answer. (2)

2. What is ambiguous about Garfield's statement in the last frame of the cartoon? (2)

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**TEXT H**

A *New Yorker* cartoon.



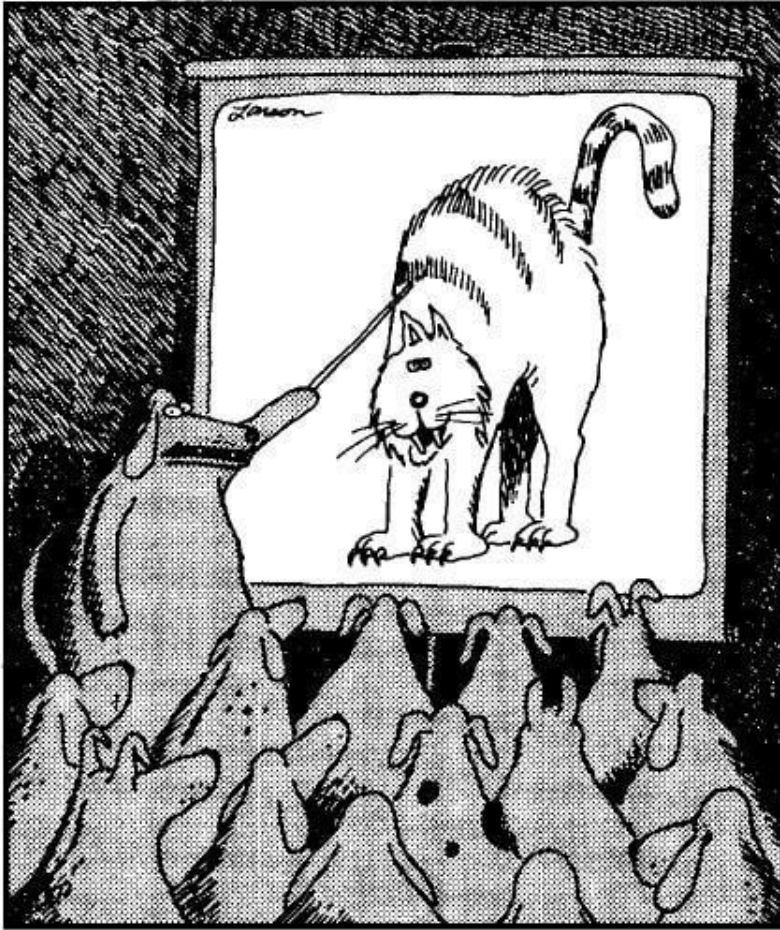
3. According to the cartoon, what does it mean for a dog to be self-employed? (1)

*“How long have you been self-employed?”*

<https://www.newyorker.com/cartoons>

TEXT I

A Far Side cartoon.



“Now, in this slide we can see how the cornered cat has seemed to suddenly grow bigger. ... Trickery! Trickery! Trickery!”

4. What is the cat doing to make itself seem bigger? Provide 2 visual details. (2)
5. Which human scenario below does this cartoon parody? Write the letter only. (1)
  - a. An art exhibition.
  - b. Religious ceremony.
  - c. A university lecture.

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TEXT J

A Peanuts cartoon. The characters depicted are Snoopy (the dog) and Woodstock (the bird).



6. Which species is the intended audience of the scripture? (1)
7. What shows that Woodstock finds the scriptures disturbing? (1)

[https://cdn.theatlantic.com/assets/media/img/2015/09/30/BOB\\_Boxer\\_Peanuts\\_Opener\\_HP/1920.jpg?1443632690](https://cdn.theatlantic.com/assets/media/img/2015/09/30/BOB_Boxer_Peanuts_Opener_HP/1920.jpg?1443632690)

**[QUESTION 4 TOTAL: 10]**

## QUESTION 5: USING LANGUAGE CORRECTLY

### TEXT K

<b>New Breed of Fox as Tame as a Pussycat - The New York Times</b>		
Ordinarily the silver fox is a canny, elusive <b>creature</b> , quick to bite when cornered, and well nigh impossible to tame.	1 2	
This is hardly surprising, considering that foxes over the eons have been hunted for sport, trapped for fur, and generally maligned by human beings, especially those with hen houses.	3 4	
But because of selective pressure imposed by experimenters over a 40-year period, a new and once <i>undreamed</i> of breed of <u>fox</u> has <u>evolved</u> - one that whines <u>for</u> attention from human beings without any prior conditioning, licks its masters' faces, and has even begun to look something like a domestic dog.	5 6 7	
In a long-term experiment at a Siberian fur farm, geneticists have <b>created</b> this new version of <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> , the silver fox, by allowing only the friendliest animals from each generation to breed. Having selected only the most "tamable" of some 45,000 foxes over 35 generations, the scientists have compressed into a mere 40 years an evolutionary process that took thousands of years to transform ancestral wolves into domestic dogs.	8 9 10 11 12	
The director of the experiment, Dr Trut, reported in a paper that selective breeding to create genetically docile animals had resulted in a breed of ultra-tame foxes that make good house pets "as devoted as dogs but as independent as cats, capable of forming deep-rooted pair bonds with human beings. Through selective breeding to enhance the docility of 45,000 foxes over the last 40 years, we have compressed into a few decades an ancient process that originally unfolded over thousands of years. Before our eyes, the 'Beast' has turned into 'Beauty,' as the aggressive behavior entirely disappeared," she said. "We also plan to market pups as house pets, a commercial venture that should lead to some interesting, if informal, experiments in its own right."	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	

<http://www.online-literature.com/orwell/887/>

1. Provide a synonym for *creature*, line 1. (1)
2. Provide an antonym for *created*, line 8. (1)
3. State the following parts of speech from line 6. (3)
  - a. fox
  - b. evolved
  - c. for
4. Refer to line 15.
  - a. Write down the compound adjective. (1)
  - b. What punctuation mark is used to create it? (1)
5. In line 6, the word *undreamed* has both a prefix and a suffix.
  - a. Write down the prefix and its function. (1)
  - b. Write down the suffix and its function. (1)
6. In line 7, why does the apostrophe of possession appear after the 's' and not before? (1)

**[QUESTION 5 TOTAL: 10], [SECTION C TOTAL: 30], [GRAND TOTAL: 70]**