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**2022 English**

**Reading for Understanding,  
Analysis and Evaluation**

**Higher**

**Finalised Marking Instructions**

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## General marking principles for Higher English: Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation

*Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidates' responses.*

- (a) Always use positive marking. This means candidates accumulate marks for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; marks are not deducted for errors or omissions.
- (b) If a candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (c) We use the term 'possible answers' to allow for any variation in candidate responses. Award marks according to the accuracy and relevance of the candidate's response.

Passage 1

Question	Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
1.	<p>Candidates must use their own words. No marks for straight lifts from the passage.</p> <p><b>2 marks</b> may be awarded for detailed/insightful comment.</p> <p><b>1 mark</b> for more basic comment.</p> <p><b>0 marks</b> for reference alone.</p> <p>(Marks may be awarded 2 or 1+1)</p>	2	<p>Possible answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• only people who had anticipated it can grasp the huge anti-climax ('You really had...underwhelming')</li> <li>• extremely unimpressed/disappointed ('astronomically underwhelming')</li> <li>• felt it looked ridiculous/comical ('big wellies in the dust')</li> <li>• felt Armstrong looked mundane/the opposite of heroic ('like an old person getting off a bus')</li> <li>• frustrated by the technical failure ('the announcer...Armstrong had said.')</li> <li>• deflated that it was not the real Armstrong's voice that the audience experienced ('what we actually heard')</li> </ul>

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3.	Marks awarded 1 + 1	2	Possible answers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• growing popularity of science fiction ('hitting its golden age')</li> <li>• financial gain ('exploited by people who wanted to sell things')</li> <li>• international status/rivalry ('No country wanted to be left out of the space race')</li> <li>• global corporate/governmental advancement ('international brand promotion')</li> </ul>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'It was pointless and wasteful' short, emphatic sentence conveys the definite nature of the writer's negative judgement</li> <li>• 'pointless' suggests that all of the time and effort had no purpose</li> <li>• 'wasteful' suggests squandering of resources</li> </ul>
6.	<p>For full marks candidates must deal with word choice and sentence structure, but not necessarily in equal measure.</p> <p><b>2 marks</b> may be awarded for detailed/insightful comment plus quotation/reference.</p> <p><b>1 mark</b> may be awarded for more basic comment plus quotation/reference.</p> <p><b>0 marks</b> for quotation/reference alone.</p> <p>(Marks may be awarded 2+2, 2+1+1 or 1+1+1+1)</p>	4	<p>Possible answers include:</p> <p>Word choice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '(cosmic) junk' suggests that the remnants of the space race still in space are rubbish</li> <li>• 'floating (around the universe)' suggests the lack of purpose of items left in space</li> <li>• 'school project experiments' suggests the trivial/rudimentary nature of the scientific discoveries made</li> <li>• 'an embarrassment' suggests we should be ashamed of how little we have achieved</li> <li>• 'wasteful (carbon technology)' suggests reckless extravagance/squandering of finite resources</li> <li>• 'exploding' suggests that space travel involved destructive use of energy which has now been rejected</li> <li>• 'ever-greater' suggests the increasing impact of the use of more coal, oil etc</li> <li>• 'dream' suggests the illusory nature of our expectations</li> <li>• 'gadgets' suggests gimmicky rather than real achievements</li> <li>• 'tap-water filters'/'pens that write upside down' suggests triviality/the lack of usefulness of science developed for space exploration</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘large lumps of metal’ suggests how unsophisticated/clumsy space ships seem</li> <li>• ‘foil-wrapped people’ suggests how ridiculous is the image of astronauts in their spacesuits</li> <li>• ‘obsolete’ suggests how completely out of date the idea of space travel is</li> <li>• comparison with ‘steam trains’ suggest how primitive the science of space travel seems now</li> </ul> <p><b>NB: The list ‘chipped, filthy and overgrown’ is an inappropriate selection, as it is not critical of space exploration itself. It is very unlikely that answers on this list will be awarded marks.</b></p> <p>Sentence structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘So...with?’ question invites reader to consider how little space exploration has benefitted society</li> <li>• list ‘Space stations...experiments’ suggests the many/varied trivial elements of the space race’s legacy</li> <li>• parallel structure ‘space race isn’t...It’s an embarrassment’ suggests contrast between the expectation of what space could mean and what it has actually achieved</li> <li>• ‘noise and power and fury’ list emphasises the many/varied dynamic aspects of space travel which now seem pointless</li> <li>• dash after ‘computing —’ creates a dramatic pause which emphasises that the actual technological progress is not linked to space travel itself</li> </ul>

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Both passages

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9.	<p>Candidates should identify three key areas of disagreement in the writers' attitudes towards space exploration.</p> <p>Approach to marking shown in the Additional Guidance column.</p> <p>Key areas of disagreement shown in grid below.</p>	5	<p>The following guidelines should be used:</p> <p><b>Award 5 marks</b> for identification of three key areas of disagreement with detailed/insightful use of supporting evidence.</p> <p><b>Award 4 marks</b> for identification of key areas of disagreement with appropriate use of supporting evidence.</p> <p><b>Award 3 marks</b> for identification of three key areas of disagreement.</p> <p><b>Award 2 marks</b> for identification of two key areas of disagreement.</p> <p><b>Award 1 mark</b> for identification of just one key area of disagreement.</p> <p><b>Award 0 marks</b> for failure to identify any key area of disagreement and/or misunderstanding of task.</p>

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			<p><b>NB</b> A candidate who identifies only two key areas of disagreement may be awarded a maximum of four marks, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two marks for identification of two areas of agreement</li> <li>• a further mark for appropriate use of supporting evidence to a total of three marks</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A further two marks for detailed/insightful use of supporting evidence to a total of four marks</li> </ul> <p>A candidate who identifies only one key area of disagreement may be awarded a maximum of two marks as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one mark for identification of one key area of disagreement</li> <li>• a further mark for use of supporting evidence to a total of two marks</li> </ul>

Area of Disagreement		Passage 1	Passage 2
1	Damaging or Productive?	Damaging: space exploration is destructive; for example, the launching of rockets was bad for the environment ('The rockets, the magnificent noise and power and fury...now looks like wasteful carbon technology.')	Productive: space exploration will help us expand our knowledge and satisfy our desire for adventure. ('Curiosity and exploration are vital to the human spirit...')
2	Achievements so far	Insignificant: all we have to show for our efforts in space is inconsequential inventions such as pens that do tricks ('All that new science that was promised turned out to be ...pens that write upside down')	Important: Humanity's endeavours in space have increased our knowledge significantly ('has inspired us and has provided benefits to our society')
3	Future Priorities	Earth's problems, such as environmental concerns, need to be addressed ('the planet we need to get to is our own')	Exploring space will help us understand important aspects of life ('By visiting these near-earth objects we can look for answers to some of humankind's most compelling questions')
4	Respect for Space	Disrespectful: once the space race had been won, we deserted the Moon because it had nothing to offer us ('there was nothing they wanted or needed on it')	Respect: Mars has encouraged the spirit of adventure ('Mars has always been a source of inspiration for explorers and scientists.')
5	Motivation/Reflection on humanity	Human aspirations in space are driven by the desire to make money and/or serve our ego ('international brand promotion and market share on Earth'/'Space exploration came to represent the ego-ridden vanity of government and power.')	Space exploration is motivated by a genuine desire to gain knowledge with which we can improve our human society ('long-lasting benefits and applications in areas of vital human importance'/'We humans are driven to explore the unknown, discover new worlds, push the boundaries')
6	International Relations	Space exploration led to competition and rivalry between superpowers ('No country wanted to be left out of the space race between the superpowers')	Space exploration will lead to international collaboration on significant projects ('The challenge of travelling to Mars...will encourage nations around the world to work together')

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]