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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/11**

Paper 1 Reading Passage (Core)

**May/June 2012**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Reading Booklet Insert

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **all** questions.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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**Question 1**

Read carefully the passage *My Tutor Kralesky* in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer all the questions.

(a) Kralesky lives in an apartment in a large house. Give **two** details from paragraph one (Kralesky lived ...) about the outside of this house.

- .....
- ..... [2]

(b) Give **two** details from paragraph one (Kralesky lived ...) which show that Gerry was not over keen on visiting his new tutor.

- .....
- ..... [2]

(c) Which phrase in lines 13–14 tells you that Kralesky is both good-natured and correct in his behaviour?

..... [1]

(d) Re-read paragraph two (I decided ...). Choose **three** phrases used by the writer which describe Kralesky's strange appearance and character.

Explain how each of these phrases helps to convey this sense of eccentricity.

Phrase: .....

Explanation: .....  
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Phrase: .....

Explanation: .....  
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..... [6]

(e) Explain, **using your own words**, Gerry's reaction to Kralefsky's comment about how they must become friends (line 24).

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(f) Give **two** reasons why Kralefsky decided to take Gerry to see his birds before they started the lesson.

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- ..... [2]

(g) Explain the writer's deliberate contrast in the phrase 'gates of Paradise in the grubby corridor' (line 40).

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(h) Explain, **using your own words**, what the writer means by

(i) 'exclaimed rapturously' (line 22)

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..... [2]

(ii) 'volunteered modestly' (line 33)

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(iii) 'danced nimbly' (line 48)

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