

# YEAR 9

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

END OF YEAR EXAM

SECTION A OF IGCSE PAPER:

NON-FICTION TEXTS

1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

(INCLUDING 15 MINS READING TIME)

5 QUESTIONS

45 MARKS

- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Copies of the *Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology* may **not** be brought into the examination.
- Dictionaries may **not** be used in this examination.

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- You are reminded of the importance of clear English and careful presentation in your answers.

**SECTION A: Reading**

**Answer ALL questions in this section.**

**You should spend 1 hour 30 minutes on this section.**

**The following questions are based on Text One and Text Two in the Extracts Booklet.**

**Text One: *Ice Swimming in Tromsø***

**1** From lines 1–10, select **two** words or phrases that describe the Tromsø Ice Swimmers.

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2 .....

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**(Total for Question 1 = 2 marks)**

2 Look again at lines 11–24.

**In your own words**, explain what the writer's thoughts and feelings are before the swim.

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**(Total for Question 2 = 4 marks)**

You may support your points with **brief** quotations.

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**Remind yourself of the passage from 127 hours – *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* (Text Two in the Extracts Booklet).**

4 How does the writer use language and structure to create suspense and tension?

You should support your answer with close reference to the passage, including **brief** quotations.

(12)

[illegible]

[illegible]

(Total for Question 4 = 12 marks)

**Question 5 is based on both Text One and Text Two from the Extracts Booklet.**

- 5 Compare how the writers present their ideas and perspectives about their experiences.

Support your answer with detailed examples from both texts including brief quotations.

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(Total for Question 5 = 22 marks)

**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 45 MARKS**