



Section A

Reading and Language Analysis

You should spend 45 minutes on this section of the exam

1. "Iceland's Okjokull Glacier Commemorated with Plaque" by Toby Luckhurst is (please choose one option):

a) a speech

b) an article

c) a report

[1 mark]

2. Look at lines 1-10 of the text in the extract booklet. Using your own words as far as possible, explain why the Okjokull glacier was declared dead.

[1 mark]

3. Look at lines 10-20 of the text in the extract booklet. The dedication engraved on the plaque commemorating the death of Okjokull ends with the sentence: "Only you know if we did it." Who do the pronouns "you" and "we" refer to?

[2 marks]



4. Look at lines 20-24 of the text in the extract booklet. Using your own words as far as possible, explain why Andri Snaer Magnason sees the death of Okjokull as "a symbolic moment".

[3 marks]



5. Look at 10-20 of the text in the extract booklet. What does the acronym "ppm" stand for?

[1 mark]

6. Why is ppm important enough to be mentioned on the commemorative plaque?

[1 mark]

7. Please read the following information carefully.

"Factual texts inform, instruct or persuade by giving facts and information. Literary texts entertain or elicit an emotional response by using language to create mental images."

Is "Iceland's Okjokull Glacier Commemorated with Plaque" a factual or a literary text? Justify your opinion by using references to the text.

[3 marks]



8. Please re-read the following quotation carefully (from lines 66-69 of the text in the extract booklet):

"150 years ago no Icelander would have bothered the least to see all the glaciers disappear," he said, as they advanced over farmlands and flooded whole areas with melt waters and streams. "But since then, as the glaciers have been retreating, they are looked at as a beautiful thing, which they definitely are."

Using your own words as far as possible, explain how Icelanders' perception of glaciers has changed over time.

[3 marks]



9. "The glacier was not moving - it was not thick enough to stay alive. We call that dead ice." (lines 29-30 of the text in the extract booklet).

These sentences contain **three** examples of which of the following (choose one):

- a) adverbs
- b) adjectives
- c) pronouns

[1 mark]



10. Please read the following information carefully.

"Emotive Language is the type of language which conveys or evokes an emotion in the mind of the reader. It requires authors to carefully choose the words which best convey the emotions, phrasing them in such a way that it has the most impact on their audience. Emotive language is the best form of language to connect with the audiences. "

Please quote a sentence or a phrase from "Iceland's Okjokull Glacier Commemorated with Plaque" which has a powerful emotional impact on the reader, then explain what type of emotions the sentence/phrase evokes in the readers.

[4 marks]



11. Please re-read the following fragment (lines 24-33 of the text in the extract booklet):

"Oddur Sigurdsson is the glaciologist at the Icelandic Meteorological Office who pronounced Okjokull's death in 2014.

He has been taking photographs of the country's glaciers for the past 50 years, and noticed in 2003 that snow was melting before it could accumulate on Okjokull.

'Eventually I thought it was so low that I wanted to go up there and check it for myself. I did that in 2014,' he said. "The glacier was not moving - it was not thick enough to stay alive. We call that dead ice."

The glaciologist explains that when enough ice builds up, the pressure forces the whole mass to move. "That's where the limit is between a glacier and not a glacier," he says. "It needs to be 40 to 50 metres thick to reach that pressure limit."

Using your own words as far as possible, explain the stages of the observation process Oddur Sigurdsson had to go through in order to determine whether Okjokull was dead or alive.

[3 marks]



12. Look at line 49 of the text in the extract booklet. The closest synonym of "dubious" is... (choose one option from the list below):

- Agreeable
- Questionable
- Reliable

[1 mark]

13. Look at line 38 of the text in the extract booklet. The closest synonym of "peculiar" is... (choose one option from the list below):

- a) Common
- b) Irresponsible
- c) Unconventional

[1 mark]

[END OF SECTION A]



Section B

Writing

You should spend 45 minutes on this section of the exam

14. You are about to write an extended response. You should write 200-250 words in response to the following question (you can write more if you want to):

Should we remember the past?

Give reasons for your answer, based on real life examples as well as your own opinion.

Your response will be marked for the quality of your written communication, as well as accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

[10 marks]



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15. "The two professors from Rice University in Texas made a documentary about the loss of the glacier called 'Not Ok' in 2018, and came up with the idea of a memorial during filming." (lines 39-41 of the text in the extract booklet).

Imagine you are a journalist who has to communicate the truth about the death of Iceland's glaciers to the rest of the world.

How would you do it? What would you say? Please include specific strategies in your answer. You should aim to write 200-250 words.

Your response will be marked for the quality of your written communication, as well as accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

[10 marks]
