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Paper Reference **PENR2/S08**

**English**

**Component 2: Reading  
Level 2**

**You MUST use the Text Booklet provided.  
You may use a dictionary.**

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### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
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- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is **35**.
- There are a total of 15 questions:
  - Questions 1 to 4 are based on Text A
  - Questions 5 to 8 are based on Text B
  - Questions 9 to 11 are based on Text C
  - Questions 12 to 15 are based on more than one text.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
- This paper assesses your reading skills, not your writing skills.
- You do not need to write in sentences.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

SECTION A

Read Text A and answer Questions 1 to 4.

- 1 Your friend wants to know what schemes are available to support young people starting a business.

Using Text A, identify **two** schemes available to support young people starting a business.

1 ..... (1)

2 ..... (1)

(Total for Question 1 = 2 marks)

Answer Question 2 with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

- 2 Which word best describes the style of Text A?

- A neutral
- B amusing
- C cautious
- D inspiring

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

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Answer Question 3 with a cross in two boxes ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

3 Which **two** of these quotations from Text A are examples of informal language?

- A 'acquiring credit'
- B 'needs self-discipline'
- C 'to stick with it'
- D 'professional skills'
- E 'you'll be over the moon'

(Total for Question 3 = 2 marks)

4 You have been asked to add subheadings to each paragraph in Text A.

Number each subheading from 1 to 5 to show which best matches each paragraph.

Two have been done for you.

| Subheading                  | Paragraph number |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| What's required             |                  |
| Young people and start-ups  |                  |
| If you're under 18          | 5                |
| Take your time              |                  |
| Plenty of support available | 2                |

(Total for Question 4 = 2 marks)

**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 7 MARKS**



**SECTION B**

**Read Text B and answer Questions 5 to 8.**

**5** What does each of these quotations from Text B suggest about starting a business?

'ahead of the game' ..... (1)

'don't cut corners' ..... (1)

**(Total for Question 5 = 2 marks)**

**Answer Question 6 with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.**

**6** Text B includes both facts and opinions.

Which **one** of these statements is an opinion?

- A** You can take an Enterprise qualification.
- B** Templates of business plans are available online.
- C** It is a good time to start your own business.
- D** There are organisations that support entrepreneurs.

**(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)**

**7** (a) According to Text B, where can you find information about local networking events?

..... (1)

(b) Which organisational feature is used to present this information?

..... (1)

**(Total for Question 7 = 2 marks)**

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8 (a) Using Text B, identify **two** reasons young people are anxious about starting their own business.

1 ..... (1)

2 ..... (1)

(b) Using Text B, identify **two** ways banks can help young people starting their own business.

1 ..... (1)

2 ..... (1)

**(Total for Question 8 = 4 marks)**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 9 MARKS**

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**SECTION C**

**Read Text C and answer Questions 9 to 11.**

**9** Using Text C, give **two** quotations that suggest family can help when you start up a business.

1 ..... (1)

2 ..... (1)

**(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)**

**10** Using Text C, identify **two** language features used to describe people's experience of starting a business.

Give an example to support each answer.

Language feature ..... (1)

Example ..... (1)

Language feature ..... (1)

Example ..... (1)

**(Total for Question 10 = 4 marks)**

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Answer Question 11 with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

11 Which **one** of these quotations from Text C conveys a positive view about starting a business?

- A 'Eva started selling her unwanted items'
- B 'I learnt a huge amount from the experience'
- C 'Richard suggested setting up on his own'
- D 'it's good to be back working regular hours'

(Total for Question 11 = 1 mark)

**TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 7 MARKS**



SECTION D

Questions 12 to 15 are based on more than one text.

12 You may use a dictionary to answer this question.

(a) 'the average age is declining'

Give **one** word or phrase to replace 'declining' that keeps the meaning of this quotation from Text A the same.

..... (1)

(b) 'Initially it flourished'

Give **one** word or phrase to replace 'flourished' that keeps the meaning of this quotation from Text C the same.

..... (1)

(Total for Question 12 = 2 marks)

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Answer Question 14 with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

14 Which **one** of these statements about the language used in Text A and Text B is correct?

- A Both use similes to illustrate points.
- B Both use direct address to engage.
- C Both use exclamations for humour.
- D Both use names of people for effect.

(Total for Question 14 = 1 mark)

15 Your friend is interested in the personal qualities people need to start their own business.

Identify **one** piece of evidence from **each** of the three texts that shows the personal qualities people need to start a business.

Text A .....

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Text B .....

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Text C .....

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(Total for Question 15 = 3 marks)

**TOTAL FOR SECTION D = 12 MARKS**  
**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 35 MARKS**

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