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**FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH**

**0500/12**

Paper 1 Reading Passage (Core)

**October/November 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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1 (a)	
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**Question 1**

**Read carefully the passage *A Walking Holiday in Costa Rica* in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer all the questions.**

**(a)** Why were the writer and her companions visiting Costa Rica?

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..... [1]

**(b)** What **two** reasons does the writer give for the sense of panic she refers to in paragraph one?

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- ..... [2]

**(c)** What do we learn about the writer's feelings towards the spider from the phrase 'deliciously creepy' (line 23)?

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**(d)** Which word in paragraph six tells you that the roads in Costa Rica were not in good condition?

..... [1]

**(e)** Give **three** things from paragraph eight which the writer enjoyed about the Eco Termales Hot Springs resort.

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- ..... [3]

(f) Explain, **using your own words**, how the scenery changed as they approached Nicaragua.

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

(i) 'my limited vocabulary' (line 10);

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(ii) 'our heads literally in the clouds' (line 40);

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..... [2]

(iii) 'determined to stay hidden' (line 50).

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**[Turn over for Question 1(h)]**

(h) Re-read paragraphs three to seven. Choose **three** short phrases which the writer uses to suggest her excitement at what she saw in Costa Rica.

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Explain how each of these phrases helps to convey her sense of excitement at what she saw.

Phrase: .....

Explanation: .....

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Phrase: .....

Explanation: .....

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Phrase: .....

Explanation: .....

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