

# Candidate Marks Report

*Series : 6 2025*

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Centre No :	PK253	Assessment Code :	1123
Candidate No :	113	Component Code :	12
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In the table below 'Total Mark' records the mark scored by this candidate.  
'Max Mark' records the Maximum Mark available for the question.

<b>Paper:</b>	<b>1123/12</b>	
<b>Paper</b>	<b>38 / 50</b>	
<b>Total:</b>		
Question	Total / Max	Mark / Mark
1a	1	/ 1
1b	3	/ 3
1c	0	/ 1
1d	2	/ 2
1e	2	/ 2
1fi	1	/ 1
1fii	0	/ 1
1g	2	/ 2
1h	3	/ 3
2a	1	/ 1
2b	1	/ 1
2c	2	/ 2
2d	1	/ 2
2e	3	/ 3
3aR	7	/ 10
3aW	7	/ 10
3b	2	/ 5



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1123/12

Paper 1 Reading

May/June 2025

2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- Dictionaries are not allowed.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- The insert contains the reading passages.

This document has 8 pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



Read Text A, *The elephant and the boy*, in the insert and answer Question 1 and Question 2.

Question 1

(a) In paragraph 1, what was the first physical feature people noticed when they met Jahan?

A thatch of black hair ✓ perched upwards on his ~~head~~ head. [1]

(b) In paragraph 2, how did Jahan feel about Istanbul when he first saw it? Give two details from the text to support your answer.

Jahan's feeling Jahan was mesmerised ✓ and liked it.  
details The longer Jahan stared <sup>DET</sup> the more the land ~~seemed~~ seemed like a molten city swaying and dizzying over the waves. He could sense ~~the~~ how one could easily fall under its spell. <sup>DET</sup> [3]

(c) Explain why Jahan 'hurried back below deck.' (line 15)

He was ~~eg~~ eager to deliver the elephant and get off the ship. [1]

(d) From paragraph 5, identify two details about the elephant's physical health that showed that he was unwell.

- ~~The~~ Chota was sitting very still. ✓
- His breathing ~~is~~ was soft and ragged ✓ [2]

(e) From paragraph 5, give two reasons why Jahan thought the elephant's life would be better at the palace.

- He thought the people there would adore Chota ✓
- He thought that Chota would finally have freshwater for cleaning up. [2]



(f) In paragraph 6, the sailors found it difficult to get the elephant out of the ship.

(i) What was the first problem the sailors had?

Eventhough the sailors tried to pull Chota out, he refused to move. [1]

(ii) How did the sailors solve this problem?

Instead of forcing the elephant they decided to pull the whole crate out. [1]

(g) Using your own words, explain what the text means by 'ultimately managing'. (line 34)

Finally, accomplishing the hard task after a long struggle. [2]

(h) Explain using your own words Jahan's different feelings about the elephant.

Give three details from anywhere in the text to support your answer.

~~Chota~~ Jahan adored Chota and cared about his health as shown by him worrying that Chota was unnaturally still. Jahan felt bad about Chota's condition in the ship, therefore he promised Chota to wash him with fresh water in the palace. Jahan felt a hint of jealousy when he realised realized that the elephant would love the healer more than him after he is healed. [Total: 16]



Question 2

(a) Read this sentence from the text:

'They reached the Palace Gate under the stern gaze of the guards who showed no interest in elephants or boys who would become famous one day.' (lines 37-38)

What does the writer want to suggest to us about what happens to Jahan later in life?

Jahan later becomes famous. ✓

[1]

(b) Explain why the writer uses the word 'mammoth' rather than 'large' in the phrase 'a mammoth door with iron studs'. (line 39)

To give the effect of describing how large the door actually was. ✓

[1]

(c) Read this sentence from the text:

'They were taken to a barn with an earthen floor and lofty ceiling - Chota's new airy home.' (line 42)

What effect does the writer suggest about the barn by using the phrase 'airy home' to describe it?

It was quite big and sufficient for ~~that~~ Chota unlike the little ship. The place also had proper ventilation. ✓

[2]

(d) Read this sentence from the text:

'Inside was a sullen fellow of an age that was impossible to determine who glared at Jahan, clearly blaming him for the animal's condition.' (lines 43-44)

What two impressions of Taras does the writer want to convey to the reader in this sentence?

Taras' ~~was~~ age ~~was~~ seemed like a mystery (hard to determine). Taras had ~~an~~ a sullen personalit and also blamed others without much idea of the situation. ✓

[2]





(e) Identify one example from the text below of how the writer uses language effectively to convey how the elephant is healed by Taras:

'Taras examined Chota's mouth, eyes and trunk. Jahan lowered his gaze, uncomfortably aware that Chota was on the brink of collapse. Taras had magical fingers that healed animals, though were of no use when it came to human diseases. Deftly, gingerly, he applied a foul-smelling lotion to Chota's trunk, wrapping it with sacking full of crushed leaves and fragrant oil. Not knowing how else to help, the boy brought the bucket of fresh clear water as instructed, placing it next to piles of apples, cabbages and hay – a banquet.' (lines 44–50)

Explain the impression the writer creates in the example you have identified.

example Taras had magical fingers that healed animals.

explanation Eventhough Taras wasn't very good at healing humans, the writer suggests that he had amazing knowledge of healing animals that almost seemed magical. He effortlessly applies ointments ~~to~~<sup>on</sup> Chota, ~~and~~ without a long diagnoses, ~~he~~ healing him within weeks.

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[3]

[Total: 9]





Read Text B, *Local residents against plans for city zoo*, in the insert and answer Question 3.

### Question 3

- (a) Summarise the arguments against the plans for the zoo, according to Text B.

You must use continuous writing (not note form).

Use your own words as far as possible.

Avoid copying long sections of the text.

Your summary should be no more than 150 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer and up to 10 marks for the quality of your writing.

The director of a local zoo has planned some ~~a~~ major changes ~~to~~ to his zoo and residents are fighting ~~to~~ to stop him and keep the zoo open. Residents are against the idea of moving the zoo away and selling the 130-year-old plot of land for building development. Furthermore, the locals are worried about the disruptions ~~caused~~ caused by construction work and ~~the~~ the loss of jobs ~~due~~ due to the closure of the zoo. Many ~~the~~ inhabitants of the area ~~are~~ have also ~~noted~~ noted how the zoo has been an important ~~part~~ part of their ~~tradition~~ family tradition and <sup>that</sup> they would want it to stay for their future generations to enjoy. Additionally, many people have complained about long bus rides if ~~the~~ the zoo is shifted 40 km away. ~~Most~~ Finally, and most importantly, are the concerns raised by conservationists and





campaigners: the ~~is~~ unnecessary stress

on animals caused by the relocation of the zoo and selling some of the big cats to other zoos. ~~They believe this is~~

All residents ~~demand a public consultation.~~  
^ have demanded a public consultation.

[20]

(b) Imagine you are animal welfare campaigner, conservationist and documentary maker, Lucy Graves.

You are taking part in a television programme about 'Project Planet'.

Give your answer to the interviewer's question, using information from the text.

Interviewer's question: Our audience may be surprised to hear that you've worked closely with the zoo on 'Project Planet'. Many people are against this project.

What is your opinion and why?

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Lucy Graves' answer:

~~"Some time ago we decided on building a futuristic virtual zoo so that youngsters don't miss out on endangered species. We closely worked with many of my colleagues to make this process hassle-free for the animals. As planned, we will only move a few of them to make sure we can provide larger enclosures and focus our resources on the animals that need them most. Finally, we will also offer free and comfortable bus rides to and from the zoo to support our residents."~~

[5]

[Total: 25]





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# ADDITIONAL

## Answer Book

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Syllabus Number <b>1123</b>	Paper Number <b>12</b>
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### Instructions to Candidates

1. Insert the information required in the specs on the left.
2. Use both sides of the paper.
3. Write the question number in the left-hand margin.
4. Rule a line across the page after each question.
5. Do all the rough work in this answer book and cross it through, without making it illegible. No part of this book is to be torn out.
6. Check that you have inserted the information required on each supplementary sheet.



3b " I believe most of the arguments ~~are~~ against project planet are baseless. ~~since~~ ~~we have~~ ~~that~~ We have worked tirelessly since the declaration of the project, ~~collabor~~ collaborating ~~to~~ with my colleagues to make this process hassle-free for the animals. According to plan only a few of the animals will be moved to make sure we can provide larger ~~enclos~~ ✓ enclosures and focus ~~of~~ our resources on the animals that need ~~the~~ them ~~most~~ ✓ most. Finally we will also offer free ✓ bus service to and from the zoo ~~to~~ to support our fellow residents."

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