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 1 hour 5 questions

Practice Paper 2C

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Total Marks

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1 Read again the first part of **Source A**:

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Agnes and I were called at a quarter to seven and got up and went to early service at St Mark's Church. There were not many people. It was bitterly cold and very foggy. We didn't have breakfast till about 9.30 as Mother and Daddie were late. Norman was down before we got in and Emi soon after but Stella of course had her breakfast in bed and had a fire to get up by.

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Mother, Emi and I walked to Wooburn Church for morning service – Agnes would have liked to go with us but went for a walk to Maidenhead with Stella and Norman – they were to see Mrs Quare and came back to lunch in a fly.

We met Katie just as we were going in Church so she made us go up to Aunt Agnes' pew as only she, Aunt Agnes and Constance came to Church. I did enjoy the service – it was so bright and I think the Vicar is so nice.

Choose **four** statements below which are true:

- They had breakfast around 9:30am.
- Agnes went to church twice.
- Stella had breakfast in bed.
- They met Katie on the way home from church.
- Norman went for a walk.
- Mrs Quare came for lunch.
- The early service was busy.
- The writer enjoyed the morning service.

(4 marks)

2 You need to refer to **Source A** and **Source B** for this question. The way the two writers celebrate Christmas with their families is different. Use details from **both sources** to write a summary of the different activities the girl in Source A and the woman in Source B take part in at Christmas.

(8 marks)

3 Look again at this part of Source B:

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"The potato-peeling. The same conversation, every year: "I prefer them with the skins on. More fibre." Nine other people shouting, "MASH MUST NOT HAVE SKINS IN!"

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The bins already full, those without mortgages, or children, crushing more bottles and cans down into it, like gonzo gunslingers; those with greater domestic awareness tutting and pointedly taking the bags out to the kerb.

The fight over the stereo – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing replaced by Kanye West; Kanye replaced by Slade. The breakaway group in the toilet upstairs, wrapping presents at the last minute while crouched by the toilet, while someone else sits in the bath going, “Could you wrap mine, too? I just don’t have the knack.”

How does the writer use language to describe her family?

(12 marks)

4 For this question, you need to refer to the whole of **Source A**, together with the whole of **Source B**. Compare how the writers convey their similar perspectives and feelings about spending time with their family at Christmas?

In your answer, you could:

- compare their similar perspectives and feelings about spending time with their family at Christmas
- compare the methods the writers use to convey their ideas and perspectives
- support your response with references to both texts.

(16 marks)

5 'Christmas should be about spending time with family and loved ones, even if you're not religious. Christmas these days has become too commercial and only seems to be about buying presents and spending money.'

Write an article for an online news site in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

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(40 marks)