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ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 1 PART A  
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**

**A**  
COMPULSORY

Write your Candidate Number and stick a barcode label in the space provided on this page.

Read Text 1 and answer questions 1-21. (41 marks)

1. Which of the following recyclables is NOT mentioned in paragraph 1? Put a tick (✓) in the box.



GLASS



METAL



E-WASTE



ORGANIC



PAPER



PLASTIC

2. According to paragraph 1, what benefits are supposedly gained from recycling?

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3. i) What was the writer's view on recycling in 1996? (1 mark)

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\_\_\_\_\_

- ii) Why did his opponents disagree with him? (1 mark)

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4. According to paragraphs 2-4, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (4 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
i) The writer is more optimistic about the recycling industry than he was in 1996.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Supporters of recycling are disappointed that the industry hasn't matured.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Sending household waste to landfills is typically more costly than recycling it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv) The business of some recycling companies has suffered.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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5. According to paragraph 4, what is in less demand overseas?

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6. Which definition of 'crisis' is closest to the meaning used in line 22?

- A. a time when a difficult or important decision must be made
- B. a sudden change in the course of a serious illness, for better or worse
- C. an emotionally stressful event or personal tragedy
- D. the point, as in a play, at which conflict reaches its highest tension

- A
- B
- C
- D

7. According to paragraph 6, why are people ill-informed about recycling?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Complete the following summary using ideas given in paragraphs 7 and 8. Write ONE word for each blank. Answers must be grammatically correct. (5 marks)

Recycling does not always lead to a reduction in (i) \_\_\_\_\_.

Although the E.P.A. encourages people to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_,

it does not necessarily make much of a (iii) \_\_\_\_\_. The matter becomes worse if people rinse their recyclables using (iv) \_\_\_\_\_, and the electricity used to produce that heat comes from a (v) \_\_\_\_\_-burning power station.

9. The writer uses the example of flying to show that recycling...

- A. has some benefits.
- B. is not very effective.
- C. is as bad for the environment as flying.
- D. can be effective, depending on which class of airfare.

- A
- B
- C
- D

10. According to paragraph 8, the statistics mentioned in paragraph 7 can be misleading because...

- A. some statistics have been overestimated.
- B. people are not actually doing what is reported.
- C. the statistics haven't taken into account other facts.
- D. there is not enough evidence to draw any conclusions.

- A
- B
- C
- D

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11. i) What does the writer think is the reason politicians support a "zero waste" policy (line 44)?  
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ii) To achieve a "zero waste" policy, the levels of recycling would need to be...

- A. reduced to zero.
- B. modestly reduced.
- C. slightly increased.
- D. increased significantly.

A	B	C	D
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. According to paragraph 10, who recycles more?

- A. the rich
- B. the poor
- C. people who live in cities
- D. people who have more free time

A	B	C	D
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. Using the information given in paragraph 11, complete the table with the missing percentages. (4 marks)

i) Current rate of recycling in the U.S. _____%	iii) Recycling target set by some state officials _____%
ii) Recycling target set by the E.P.A. _____%	iv) Maximum percentage of trash useful to recycle _____%

14. According to paragraph 12, what materials are practical to recycle? For each type of material, tick (✓) 'All', 'Some' or 'None'. (3 marks)

	Material	All	Some	None
i)	metal			
ii)	food waste			
iii)	cardboard			

15. What are the two alternatives to recycling mentioned in paragraph 14? Give one advantage of using each. (4 marks)

Alternative 1 (i) \_\_\_\_\_

Advantage (ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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Alternative 2 (iii) \_\_\_\_\_

Advantage (iv) \_\_\_\_\_

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16. What is ironic about the outcome described in paragraph 15? Use your own words to explain.

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17. According to paragraph 16, why might some people be opposed to an increase in recycling?

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18. According to paragraph 17, what is worth recycling?

\_\_\_\_\_

19. Using information from paragraphs 5-12, match each person with one of the quotes below. Choose from A-F and write the letter in the box next to each person. Two of the quotes will NOT be used. (4 marks)

QUOTES		QUOTES	
A	"There is a limit to effective recycling."	D	"Recycling can cause more pollution."
B	"Cities need to recycle all waste to safeguard the planet's future."	E	"The recycling movement needs more subsidies."
C	"Recycling has a negative impact on the economy."	F	"It's more difficult to make money from recycling than people might think."

David Steiner	
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Chris Goodall	
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Bill de Blasio	
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Winston Porter	
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20. Do you think recycling is a waste of time? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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\_\_\_\_\_

21. Choose the best alternative title for this article.

- A. In defence of recycling
- B. The pros and cons of recycling
- C. Recycling is more rubbish than you think
- D. Why cities are recycling less of their rubbish

A      B      C      D

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PAPER 1 PART B1  
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**



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Read Texts 2-4 and answer questions 22-44. (43 marks)

**Text 2**

22. Find a phrase on slide 1 that shows Millennials are entering adulthood.

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23. What do companies hope to achieve by understanding Millennials' attitudes and lifestyle?

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24. 'Snug in the nest' (slide 2) means Millennials are...

- A. unable to buy a home.
- B. happily living with parents.
- C. unable to take care of themselves.
- D. waiting to enter the housing market.

A	B	C	D
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. According to slide 2, why might Millennials change their attitude towards home ownership?

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26. i) According to slide 3, why do Millennials prefer a sharing economy?

(1 mark)

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ii) What product is used by the writer to show their future purchasing habits?

(1 mark)

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27. What does 'milestones' on slide 4 mean in this context?

- A. purchases that bring happiness
- B. records of the past
- C. major life events
- D. fun activities

A	B	C	D
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28. According to slides 1-4, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (3 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
i) There are more Millennials than members of any other generation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Millennials tend to buy a lot of expensive goods.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Millennials are getting married later in life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. i) According to slide 5, how is technology changing the way Millennials shop? (1 mark)

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ii) Which of the following tends to be the least important for Millennials when buying things? (1 mark)

A. convenience				
B. reviews				
C. brand				
D. price				
	A	B	C	D
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

30. Based on the information given on slide 6, fill in the blanks. Write ONE word in each blank. (5 marks)

Millennials are (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than other generations. They do more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, don't (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ as much, and monitor their fitness with the help of (iv) \_\_\_\_\_. This generation defines good health as more than simply not being (v) \_\_\_\_\_.

31. Match the following headings to each slide of Text 2. Write the slide number next to each heading. One heading is NOT used and should be left blank. (5 marks)

Heading	Slide number	Heading	Slide number
Millennials – Coming of age	1	Diet and fitness	
Clicking to buy		Access, not ownership	
Love and marriage		Housing	
Education			

**Text 3**

32. In what period were Millennials born? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Text 4**

33. How do young people have it better than the previous generations? Find ideas mentioned in paragraph 2 and match them with the examples given in the column on the right. (3 marks)

Idea mentioned in paragraph 2	Examples
(e.g.) <i>They are wealthier.</i>	Millennials have more money to spend.
i) _____ _____	Millennials are connected to the world via their smartphones.
ii) _____ _____	If a Millennial is female or gay, he/she has more rights.
iii) _____ _____	The average lifespan of Millennials could reach 90-95 years.

34. What factors have led to Millennials being more intelligent than previous generations?

\_\_\_\_\_

35. According to paragraphs 4-5, what are the three key challenges Millennials face? (3 marks)

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_

36. Fill in the blanks based on information given in paragraph 4. (2 marks)

The young have a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ chance of being employed compared to their elders.

More than a quarter of those from (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ countries are NEETs.

37. What does 'prices millennials out of the market' (lines 29-30) mean?

- A. Millennials' jobs do not pay enough.
  - B. It is too expensive for Millennials to afford.
  - C. There is too much competition for Millennials.
  - D. Millennials are one of the factors affecting market price.
- A    B    C    D

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38. According to paragraph 5, what are some of the advantages that megacities offer young people?  
Tick (✓) three boxes.

- more schools to choose from       better apartments       better employment opportunities
- more chances of falling in love       more fun things to do

39. What does 'that' (line 39) refer to? \_\_\_\_\_

40. According to paragraphs 6 and 7, why are young people having children later in life? Give three reasons. (3 marks)

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_

41. Which of the following can replace 'Alas' (line 52)?

- A. Unfortunately
- B. Surprisingly
- C. In fact
- D. Finally

- A
- B
- C
- D

42. What does 'biological clock' (line 53) mean in this context?

- A. The time when a person works most effectively.
- B. The time when a woman can no longer give birth.
- C. The time when a person reaches the end of their life.
- D. The time when a couple start to think about having a family.

- A
- B
- C
- D

43. i) Who/what does 'they' (line 59) refer to? \_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

ii) What would be 'immoral' (line 60)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

44. What message about Millennials does the writer want to send?

- A. Although their lives seem easy, they actually face many difficulties.
- B. Although they live better lives, they are not as happy as their parents.
- C. Although they face many obstacles, they are able to cope with the challenges.
- D. Although they have more opportunities, they don't make the most of them.

- A
- B
- C
- D

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**B2**  
DIFFICULT SECTION

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Read Text 5 and answer questions 45-60. (43 marks)

**Text 5**

45. According to paragraphs 1-2, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (4 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Howe and Strauss were the first to use the term, 'Millennial Generation'.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Research by Howe and Strauss has been influential.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Some themes on Millennials are in conflict with each other.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv) Experts agree that Millennials were born within the same time period.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

46. In paragraph 3, what three factors mentioned by the writer have characterised the Millennial generation? (3 marks)

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_

47. Which of the following can be inferred from paragraph 3?

- A. Millennials are growing up quickly.
  - B. Millennials face an uncertain future.
  - C. Millennials see themselves as global citizens.
  - D. Millennials have grown up in a sheltered environment.
- A     B     C     D

48. According to paragraph 5...

- i) Which generation was the first to adopt a child-centred approach to parenting? (1 mark)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) Which generation had child bearing 'foisted upon them'? (1 mark)
- \_\_\_\_\_

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iii) Find one factor that led to a pro-child culture. (1 mark)

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iv) What were schools' attitudes towards the pro-child movement? (1 mark)

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49. Complete the table below by identifying how the researchers differ in their understanding of Millennials using information given in paragraphs 6-9. (6 marks)

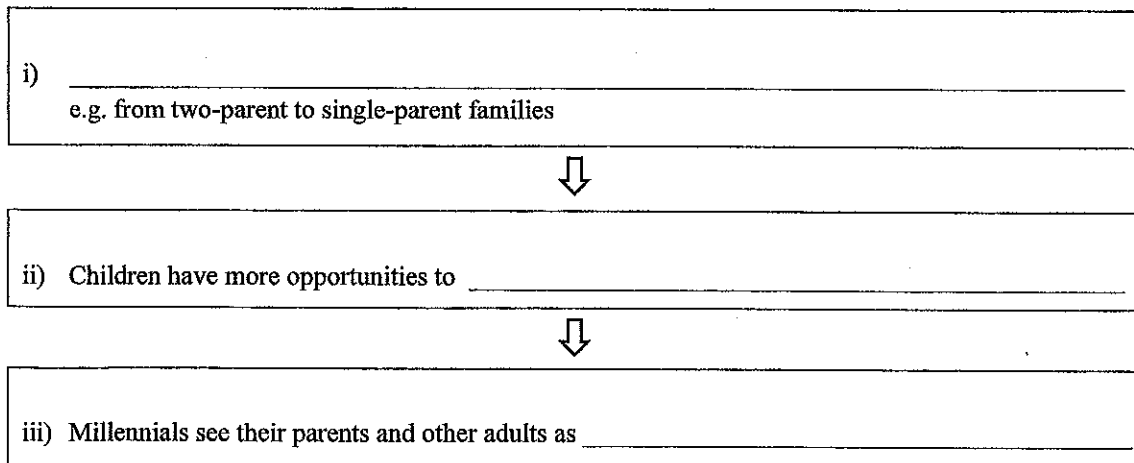
	Howe and Strauss' interpretation	Twenge's interpretation
Millennials' belief that they are unique...	has produced a generation which is (i) _____	has produced a generation which is (ii) _____
Millennials' reaction to rules is to...	(iii) _____	(iv) _____
The pressure on Millennials to succeed...	will lead them to (v) _____ _____	will lead them to (vi) _____ _____

50. Which word can replace 'contend' (line 41)?

- A. hope
- B. argue
- C. accept
- D. disagree

A  B  C  D

51. Complete the diagram below, which illustrates the changes described in paragraph 11. (3 marks)



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52. Complete the table using information given in paragraph 12.

(6 marks)

Aspect of Millennials' lives	Example/concept that illustrates the aspect	Researcher linked to the example/concept
Expressing one's identity	(i)	(ii)
(iii)	(iv)	Raines
(v)	Challenging authority	(vi)

53. i) Which metaphor does Prensky use to describe Millennials?

(1 mark)

\_\_\_\_\_

ii) Explain the meaning of this metaphor.

(1 mark)

\_\_\_\_\_

iii) What does 'the land they live in' (lines 75-76) refer to?

(1 mark)

\_\_\_\_\_

54. How have attitudes towards multi-tasking changed over time?

\_\_\_\_\_

55. Why should Millennials not be described as having short attention spans?

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56. According to the conclusion, what should Millennials try to achieve?

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57. The main purpose of this article is to...

- A. show what others have said about the topic.
- B. identify key limitations in the research.
- C. suggest new areas of research.
- D. disprove earlier literature.

A      B      C      D  
        

58. The writer uses citations to tell readers that certain materials came from another source. In the citations used in the text, which of the following information is included? Tick (✓) all that apply.

- i) The surname of the author
- ii) Title of the author's work
- iii) The name of the publisher
- iv) The year of the publication
- v) The page numbers of the material used

59. Read the following comments by readers of the article. Which researcher(s) are they referring to? Write the name(s) in the line next to each comment. (2 marks)

(i) "I'm a young entrepreneur and I agree with the research that says Millennials are high-achieving and want to make a difference in society."  
 \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) "As a Millennial, I find her view of young people negative and destructive."  
 \_\_\_\_\_

60. Match the headings to the outline for Text 5. Write A-F in the box next to the number. I and VII have been given. One heading is NOT used. (5 marks)

**Headings**

- A. Relating to others
- B. Defining the generation
- C. Childhood years
- D. Technology
- E. Self-belief
- F. Special status

**Outline  
A,B,C,D,E,F**

I.	Introduction
II.	
III.	
IV.	
V.	
VI.	
VII.	Conclusion

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