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Answer these questions in Russian:

(3 marks 10)

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(b) Reading Comprehension

(20 marks)

Read the text below and answer the questions that follow in English:

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MAY 2015

SUBJECT:	RUSSIAN
PAPER NUMBER:	III
DATE:	28 th April 2015
TIME:	4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Prescribed Texts

Choose any three of the following four texts and answer one question on each text chosen. You may answer the questions in Russian if you wish but you will not earn extra credit for doing so. It is suggested that you spend equal time on each question since two very long answers cannot compensate for a sketchy, incomplete third answer.

SECTION ONE
THE SNOWSTORM (Metel)
(A. S. Pushkin)

1. Vladimir wrote a strange letter, stating that he would never set foot in the house of his former fiancée again. Describe what preceded this letter?

Or

2. The story ends with the words of Maria Gavrilovna: "My God, my God! So it was you! And you do not recognize me? ". Describe the scene when these words were expressed.

Or

3. Describe the romantic dreams and plans of the story's protagonists, the young lovers.

(25 marks)

SECTION TWO
Three Sketches from a Hunter's Album,
THE LONER (Biryuk)
(I. Turgenev)

1. The Loner represented the serfs who were able to demonstrate goodness in inhuman conditions. Discuss.

Or

2. Discuss the role of conflict in this story.

Or

3. The author believes that a person who is close to nature cannot be evil. Discuss.

(25 marks)

SECTION THREE
***SHADOWED PATHS* (Tyomnye Alleyi)**
(I. Bunin)

1. This short work is a momentary memory flash of lost youth and love. How true is this statement?

Or

2. Pictures of dull routine appear at the beginning of the story. How do they reflect the general mood of the plot?

Or

3. “She still loves Nikolai but does not forgive him. That being said, she does not resort to accusations and tears...” Describe the character of Nadezhda in the light of this statement.

(25 marks)

SECTION FOUR
***THE DARLING* (Dushechka)**
(A. Chekhov)

1. The main theme of the work is love which contrasts with society’s lack of values. Discuss.

Or

2. The protagonist’s image is ambiguous. Describe Olenka’s character in the light of this statement.

Or

3. The main character of the story has a trait that distinguishes her from the superficial environment around her. Discuss.

(25 marks)

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Candidate's Paper

1. Picture Interpretation

(15 marks)

Look at the pictures, talk about them and answer some questions put to you by the Examiner in Russian.



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2. Role Play

(10 marks)

Situation:

You and your friend are discussing holiday trips. In this situation, the Examiner will play the role of your friend.

Complete your part of the conversation in Russian:

Examiner:- ?

Candidate:- I decided to spend my holidays in the south, in Yalta. I will be staying at a very nice resort. I will swim, sunbathe and walk in the mountains.

Examiner:- ? () .
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Candidate:- I will be there from mid-July till the end of August.

Examiner:- ! ,
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Candidate:- Last year we went to Caucasus. We travelled by car through Moscow, Tbilisi, Sochi and back to Moscow. The journey was extremely interesting.

Examiner:- ?

Candidate:- One month. We spent one week in the mountains, travelling and two weeks at the Black sea, not far away from Sochi. What about your holiday?

Examiner:- .

Candidate:- Will you be staying at a hotel?

Examiner:- , .

Candidate:- That's great! The air in the mountains is so fresh, and the landscape is breath-taking!

Examiner:- , .

Candidate:- Oh, I love that city, especially the Opera theatre there. I wish you a nice journey and I hope to see you after the holidays!

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