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PAPER 1 PART B2
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**

B2
DIFFICULT SECTION

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Read Text 4 and answer questions 42-62. (42 marks)

Text 4

42. What is suggested when the text states 'he has heard it all' (line 1)?
Norton...

- A. is tired of being an agony uncle.
B. is rarely surprised by any problems.
C. wants to read more exciting problems.
D. enjoys chatting about people's problems.

A B C D
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43. Norton _____ with the statement 'there are no problems, only solutions' (line 4).

- A. agrees
B. disagrees
C. neither agrees nor disagrees

A B C
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44. Why do some readers receive a 'a tongue-lashing' (lines 12-13) instead of 'a kind word' (line 12)?

45. According to paragraphs 4-5, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)?

(5 marks)

Statements

- (i) Norton planned to become an agony uncle.
(ii) Norton is reluctant to offer people advice.
(iii) The advice Norton provides may be unpopular with some people.
(iv) Norton often gives medical advice.
(v) Some of Norton's readers might be surprised by his advice.

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46. Use ONE word to complete the following statement based on the information in paragraph 6.

It's the _____ noticed by readers between the serious and silly that makes the serious problems stand out.

47. Who or what does 'they' (line 22) refer to?

Answers written in the margins will not be marked.



48. Based on the information in paragraph 8, suggest ONE of the factors that might lead to 'potential pitfalls' (line 24).

49. What conflicting ideas did Norton have to consider when responding to the problem in paragraph 8?

50. Why does Norton consider such a response to the issues described in paragraphs 9-10 to be 'a bit brutal' (line 30)?

51. Below are statements summarising the main ideas of paragraphs 12-15. Match the most appropriate idea (A-E) with each of the paragraphs. Write the letter of the main idea next to the paragraph number given. Use each letter ONCE only. One of the ideas is not used. (4 marks)

Main Idea
A. Positivity is the key.
B. Being a better person.
C. Misunderstanding someone's motives.
D. Helping yourself is the best approach.
E. People believe problems are worse than they really are.

Paragraph	Main Idea
12	(i)
13	(ii)
14	(iii)
15	(iv)

52. What does Norton imply when he says 'God knows everybody else does' (line 41)?

- A. Do not take yourself so seriously.
- B. Make jokes with your friends and family.
- C. Try not to laugh at the misfortune of others.
- D. Consider religion as a help to your problems.

A B C D
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53. In the letter from David in Illinois (paragraphs 16-17), David is...

- A. keen to leave Sweden.
- B. unhappy with his friends.
- C. reluctant to move away from family.
- D. shy about speaking a foreign language.

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54. In paragraphs 18-19 what metaphors does Norton use to describe... (2 marks)

- (i) a very easy task: _____
- (ii) a very challenging task: _____

55. What does 'it' (line 57) refer to?

Answers written in the margins will not be marked.

56. Norton says leaving Sweden as part of 'a decision you are in charge of' may be better than 'simply running away' (lines 63-64). What fear of David's is Norton responding to here?

57. Complete the following diagram which summarises Norton's advice to David (paragraphs 18-22). Use a maximum of FOUR words in each gap. One has been done for you as an example. (4 marks)

David's Situation

Norton's advice

Right now...



(i) _____

Go on your trip but when you feel lonely...



(ii) _____

While you are there...



explore all you can.

If you find things start to get tough...



(iii) _____

In the worst case scenario...



(iv) _____

58. What does Norton imply when he says 'A longer fringe may also help' (line 76)?

59. What is the tone of Norton's response to P Smith?

- A. bitter
B. amusing
C. reflective
D. supportive

- A B C D
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60. Throughout the text a number of problems are described. Norton classifies his readers' problems into categories. Complete the table below using the examples of problems listed. Write the letter of the problem in the correct gap. Some categories have more than one example. One has been done for you as an example. (5 marks)

Problem mentioned in the text	
A. Italian farmer	E. Barber
B. Bereavement	F. Loneliness
C. Best-man speech	
D. Travelling to Sweden	

Norton's Category	Example(s)
'Problems'	(i) _____ and (ii) _____
Problems	e.g. <u>A</u> and (iii) _____
Very Common Problems	(iv) _____
Problematic Problems	(v) _____

Answers written in the margins will not be marked.

61. Based on the information in paragraphs 16-24, complete the two conversations between the letter writers and Graham Norton by writing a letter (A-H) in the appropriate gap. Use each letter ONCE only. ONE option is not used. (7 marks)

A. longing for this	B. ignoring him	C. leaving loved ones
D. doing long term	E. moaning about this	F. taking the job
G. thinking of problems	H. getting other opportunities	

Conversation 1

➤David:

Honestly, I don't know what I'll be (i) _____ but this feels right. Having said that, if this falls apart I'll find it hard to shake off feeling lonely. So, I'm just going to forge ahead before I have time to dwell on any regrets like (ii) _____.

➤Norton:

Just remember why you're (iii) _____, it will be an adventure! And you know what, I envy you, because if it doesn't work out you'll be (iv) _____ in your future.

Conversation 2

➤P Smith:

A great haircut at last! You've no idea how I've been (v) _____. And what happens? The hairdresser keeps picking his nose.

➤Norton:

Why are you (vi) _____? You've got what you wanted. You should really be (vii) _____.

62. Throughout the text Norton often compares himself to a medical doctor. Why do you think these comparisons help to describe Norton's role as an agony uncle?

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