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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 PART B2
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK

B2
 DIFFICULT SECTION

Write your Candidate Number and your name in the spaces provided on this page.
 Read Text 4 and answer questions 48–71. (42 marks)

Text 4

48. According to paragraph 1, what surgical procedure can cause a person to lose their voice?

49. What is ‘the loss that this technology tries to amend’ (line 9)?

50. (i) How did Stephen and Jane Hawking react when they first heard the new voice? (1 mark)

(ii) Why? (1 mark)

51. ‘The moment is played for laughs’ (line 11) suggests that ...

- A. Stephen and Jane found it funny.
- B. it is intended to be comedic.
- C. it is meant to defuse a serious issue.
- D. it was inappropriately handled by the film-makers.

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52. What is the problem with the ‘Stephen Hawking voice’ (line 15)?

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53. Based on the information in paragraph 4, complete the sentence by writing ONE word in each blank. Your answers must be grammatically correct. (2 marks)

Patel found it (i) _____ that two people who were so very

(ii) _____ in terms of age and gender were using the same voice.

54. What does 'This' (line 25) refer to?

55. Why is 'donate' placed in quotation marks in line 28?

56. Why would it be important for the VocaliD Voicebank stories to 'capture all the phonemes in the English language' (lines 29–30)?

57. Why do you think VocaliD called their custom-made voices '“BeSpoke” voices' (line 32)?

58. Why does the writer refer to the 'imagined vocal quality' in line 34?

59. Based on the information in paragraph 7, what FOUR things can be inferred about the procedure of a kidney donation? (4 marks)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

(iv) _____

60. According to paragraphs 5–7, decide whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG). (4 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
(i) VocaliD's clients record the vocabulary for their customized voices.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(ii) VocaliD systematically arranges the donations in the voice archive.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(iii) All of VocaliD's donors are carefully vetted.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(iv) A donation can be made from practically anywhere.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

61. Which word in paragraph 8 means 'passionate'?

62. Which of the following does the writer NOT imply in paragraph 8?
When people who have been unvoiced get a personalised voice, they ...

- A. feel less lonely.
B. become more employable.
C. experience improvements in their cognitive abilities.
D. are noticed more by others.

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐

63. Find a word or phrase in paragraph 9 that can be replaced by 'completing'.

64. Based on the information in paragraph 9, complete the summary by writing ONE word in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (7 marks)

Before VocaliD's (i) _____ Sara got her new voice, she would habitually
(ii) _____ different preprogrammed voices, often simply because she thought
it was (iii) _____. Still, like most of her peers, she found that these voices
were not (iv) _____ for her and made her sound like a (v) _____.
For example, she would hear her preferred voice, 'Heather', when (vi) _____
money and when in her mother's (vii) _____.

65. With reference to paragraph 10, explain why 'Patel and Meltzner shifted nervously on their feet as they stood before Sara and her mother' (lines 52–53).

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66. Which word can replace 'idiosyncratic' (line 56)?
- A. distinctive
B. forceful
C. complex
D. unaffected
67. What does 'Oh, phew!' (line 59) suggest about Patel's reaction?
- _____
68. What does 'anti-climactic' (line 63) suggest about people's expectations for their customized voice? They believe it will be ...
- A. a let-down.
B. more responsive.
C. an immediate improvement.
D. something they need to internalize.
69. What does 'this chance' (line 69) refer to?
- _____
70. Why did Sara chooses 'YO' (line 71) as one of her first words in her new voice?
- _____
71. Match the person on the left with the statement which best represents their thoughts listed on the right. Write the letter (A–G) on the line next to the person's name. TWO of the statements are not used. Each letter can be used ONCE only. (5 marks)

Persons	Answers	Statements
(i) Sara Young	_____	A. 'I felt like I wasn't alone.'
(ii) Stephen Hawking	_____	B. 'It certainly didn't feel like "me".'
(iii) Rupal Patel	_____	C. 'I figured there was room for improvement.'
(iv) Geoff Meltzner	_____	D. 'It only took me several days and it was the least I could do.'
(v) the writer	_____	E. 'Perhaps it'll be better next time.'
		F. 'I'm so grateful to these people.'
		G. 'I'm quite pleased with this design of mine.'

END OF PART B2

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