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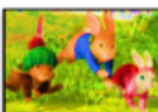
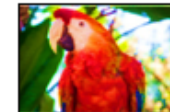
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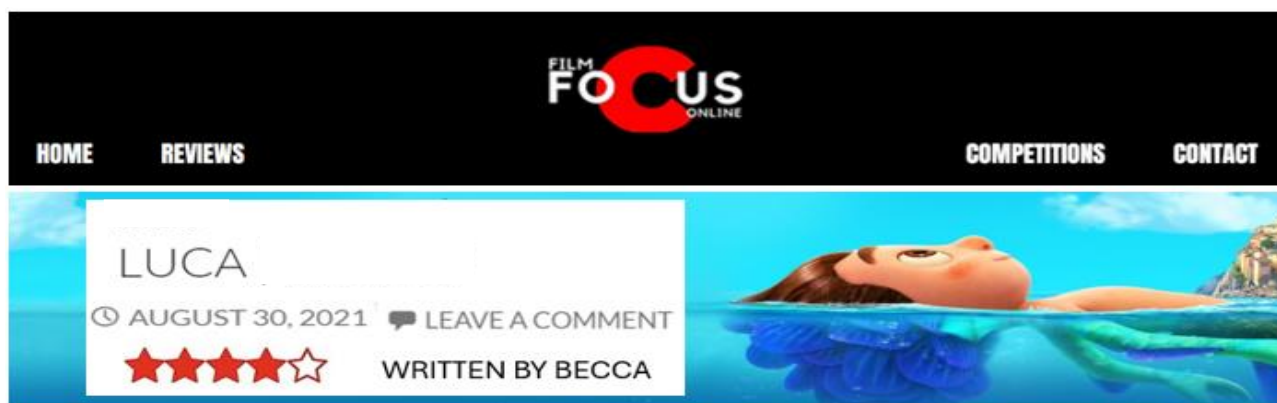
**In this booklet, you will find the texts which you need to read to be able to answer the reading comprehension and literature questions in the Main Paper.**

**Source A1**

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|    | <b>The Breakfast Show</b><br>Your daily dose of real-life stories, health advice and competitions.                                                                             |                       | A                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Gardener's World</b><br>Various gardeners from around the globe give advice and share their knowledge about gardening. |                                                                                                                                                          | B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>30-minute Meals</b><br>Quick, healthy meals you can whip up when you are too busy after a day of work!<br> | <b>Catchphrase</b><br>Gameshow in which contestants try to guess well-known phrases from picture puzzles.<br><div>C</div>                                                          |  |        |
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|   | <b>Kids' Morning Show</b><br>Fun sing-along songs, games and crafts for a great morning!<br> |                       | <b>Peter Rabbit</b><br>The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and his friends, Flopsy and Mopsy.<br> |                                                                                                                           | <b>Ready, Eddie, Go!</b><br>It's Nina's birthday party, where Eddie finds out how to play party games, eat party food and birthday cake!<br><div>D</div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Mr Bean</b><br>The best of British comedy, Mr. Bean. A hilarious TV series for all the family.<br>        |                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |        |
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|  | <b>Morning News</b><br>News from around the world. What's happening at home and away.<br>   |                       | E                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>The Weather</b><br>Weather forecast and worldwide updates.                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Morning Table Talk</b><br>Saturday Special: Actors Zendaya and Tom Holland join host John Brown to talk about their latest Spiderman movie.<br> |                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Amazing Animals</b><br>Discover the wonderful animals of the Amazon with Petra Rogers!<br> |  |        |
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Get ready to dive into the sunny beaches of Italy with 'Luca', a new film that's making a big splash! This film is produced by the animation studio, Pixar and directed by Enrico Casarosa. Nominated for an Academy Award, 'Luca' is a movie everyone will love. So, come join the fun as we explore the **amazing**, colourful world of 'Luca'!

### A: A fish-out-of-water story

Set in a pretty seaside town in Italy, 'Luca' is a sweet story about the lives of two brave and curious friends, Luca (voiced by Jacob Tremblay) and Alberto (voiced by Jack Dylan Grazer). Luca and Alberto enjoy an unforgettable summer full of ice cream, pasta, endless motor scooter rides, and a local bicycle race. But all the fun is in danger because of a huge secret: they are sea monsters. In the film, the sea monsters can turn into humans on land, but if they get wet, their true identities are revealed. This makes Luca and his friend Alberto very **cautious**, and they try their best to avoid water. But if the local fishermen find out their secret, the boys could get into serious trouble!

### B:

The characters in 'Luca' are very charming. Luca is very curious. He dreams of exploring the world above the sea and learn about humans even though he knows they hunt sea monsters. In fact, his parents do not let him visit the world above the sea for his own safety. One day he meets Alberto who teaches Luca about the human world. This helps them become best friends! They also bond with a human called Giulia (voiced by Emma Berman), a strong and determined girl who loves bike racing and helps the two boys prepare for the race. No film is complete without a villain. This role is played by Ercole (voiced by Saverio Raimondo), a local 18-year-old bully who wins the bike race yearly. He sees the three friends as his competition and does his best to **ruin** their chances of winning.

C:

The animation in this film is great! The cheerful shades of the film make the Italian seaside town, the world under the sea, and the crystal-clear water come to life. Moreover, the film's soundtrack is a charming love letter to Italian folk tunes.

D:

Luca's excitement to explore new places is **inspiring**. The film shows how important it is to have good relationships with our family and supportive friends. The movie teaches us about being brave and being there for our friends. It also shows us the importance of being unique and that we should accept each other as we really are.

E:

Some **viewers** might think the story is predictable and overly lengthy, but the beautiful animation, fun characters, and life lessons make it a must-see for all the family! So, grab some popcorn and prepare to be enchanted by the fun-packed adventure of 'Luca'!

Adapted from: <https://www.filmfocusonline.com/post/>

**Source B**

Raised in India by her father, Sara was sent to Miss Minchin's boarding school\* in London two years ago. By now, she knew everyone except one girl.

5 "Who is that little girl who makes the fires?" eight-year-old Sara asked her personal French servant, Mariette. The girl was unhappy and had just taken the place of scullery maid\*. She blacked boots and carried heavy coal boxes up and down stairs, and scrubbed floors and cleaned windows, and was ordered about by everybody. She was fourteen years old, but she was so stunted in her growth that she looked twelve.

10 Her name was Becky. Mariette heard everyone calling, "Becky, do this", and "Becky, do that," every five minutes in the day. Sara noticed that Becky always seemed starving for food, hurried, and afraid, making it impossible to talk to her.

15 But one foggy afternoon, Becky fell asleep in Sara's comfortable room in her special armchair by the bright fire. Becky – with a coal smudge on her nose and several on her apron, with her poor little cap hanging half off her head, and an empty coal box on the floor near her – had sat and unknowingly fell asleep. Becky was sent to tidy the bedrooms and had saved Sara's room for last. She looked around and thought about the wonderful, expensive clothes and hats that Sara wore on cold days. Exhausted from running around all day, Becky sat down in Sara's soft chair. She felt the warmth of the fire like a blanket. Her head nodded forward, her eyes closed,  
20 and she fell into a deep sleep, as if she had been sleeping for a hundred years.

"Poor thing!" cried Sara. Becky snored and then opened her eyes. "Oh miss! I just sat down for a minute and--"

"Don't be scared. You were just exhausted," replied Sara. "Are you going to tell Miss Minchin?" asked Becky.

25 "Of course not," exclaimed Sara. "Please don't run away. Would you like to stay a minute for cake?"

How poor Becky stared at her! Being used to shouting and orders, Becky had never heard such a kind, friendly voice before. But Sara looked at her as if Becky had done nothing wrong.

\*boarding school - a school where students live and study during the school term instead of living in their own homes.

\*scullery maid - a young servant who helps in the kitchen by washing dishes and doing other cleaning tasks.

Adapted from: 'A Little Princess' by Frances Hodgson Burnett

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