

Read **Text C**, and then answer **Questions 2(a)–2(d)** and **Question 3** on the question paper.

Text C: SS001

The narrator, Dr. Tim, was a scientist who had invented a time machine. After years of developing, he finally made a decision to launch his invention.

The artificial light illuminated from the ceiling like the bright sun that sent rays of admiration towards our success. I looked around and enjoyed what my eyes could perceive.

There were lines of Holo Transmitters, which were made, surely, by our The Pinnacle team. Our lab members in ivory-white uniforms were sitting, working and wandering around the 300-square-metre room. My attention turned to the hundreds of flat holo-screens on one of the room's walls. Pride was flowing through my whole being as I was watching hundreds of channels from all corners of the globe, they were all news and scoops about 'MY' invention. These screens would be connected as one biggest screen to broadcast one of the greatest moments of mankind; SS001 launching!

There, it stood monumentally in the middle of the room. My eyes ran through the silo-like SS001. The outer parts were devised by top engineers from around the world. The holonium metallic had been polished in every square centimetre, making it shine like the brightest diamond in the universe. The alternative energy could be easily derived from the best holo solar panels that pointed out from the wings of the SS001's torso, like magical limbs that could enhance the speed. Inside my head, I could still picture the interior of this astonishing machine. The thick layer of the wall would protect the passenger onboard when travelling through Wormholes.

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It was like the birthday of my success when millions of eyes from around the world stared at me, ME! The panels of holo screens projected attention from everyone, Africans, Westerners, Asians and many more. They ALL paused their lives and witnessed MY success.

I walked on the red carpet and stepped up onto the gold-trimmed ladder through the SS001's diamond door. Three hundred of my team were standing, saluting the moment we had been working for. I knew that they thought of me as a master, and after I successfully come back, I would be a hero.

After I seated myself and prepared for the launch, I looked at them, each of them, and nodded to reassure our success. It was not difficult to imagine the moment when I returned to this place. They would clap their hands, some might be crying with bliss and there would be reporters to record MY historical achievement. I could not wait for it!

My hands were full of sweat and my heart was trembling. I calmed myself by trying to imagine my success and waited for the teleportation. After the 'Bang' sound from the SS001's starter, the sudden burst of whiteness exploded around me. Then, the circle of mysterious blue light formed around this machine with the screeching sound that was tearing my ears to pieces. Everything was as fast as the strongest lighting, in which I was not conscious enough to realise my fear.

