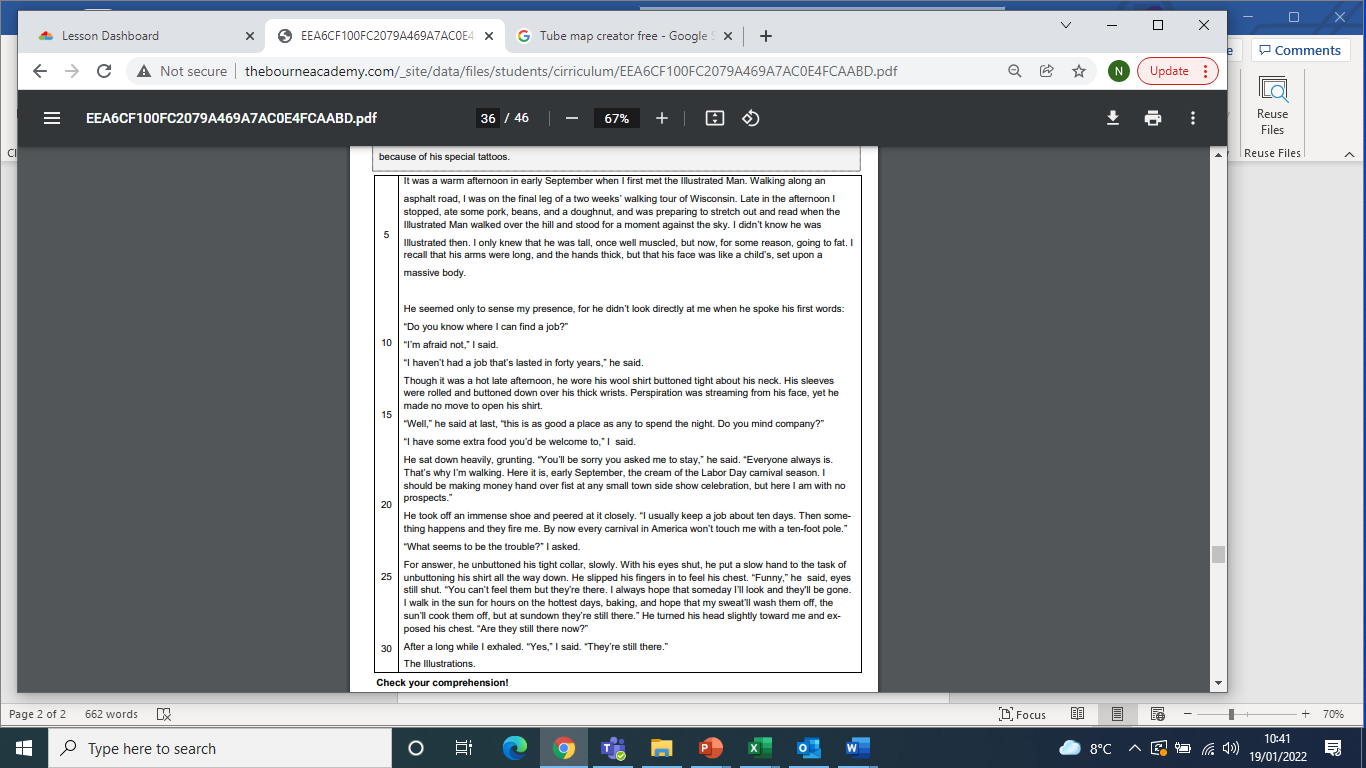
**Year 9 ILT Spring Term**

**Reading Comprehension 4- ‘The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury**

Read the passage carefully and then complete the tasks below.

*Taken from the opening of* *a short story, where the narrator meets a man who struggles in life because of his strange tattoos.*

1. Based on their use in the following quotations, what do you think each of these key vocabulary mean?
   1. “he seemed to only sense my **presence**”
      * Height
      * Gifts
      * Existence
   2. “**Perspiration** was streaming from his face”
      * Cheeky
      * Lopsided
      * Purposeless
   3. “he took off an **immense** shoe”
      * Wide
      * Slim
      * Flexible
2. What is the Illustrated Man searching for?
3. Why is the narrator surprised that the Man won’t remove his shirt in line 12?
4. Find a quotation which suggests the Illustrated Man is unhappy.
5. Read lines 5-7. Find FOUR pieces of information about the Illustrated Man’s appearance.
6. Consider this quotation from line 18: “I should be making money hand over fist”. What do you think this means?
7. Read lines 1-5. Find FOUR pieces of information about the day that the narrator met the Illustrated Man.
8. Where does the Illustrated Man usually find work?
9. Find a quotation which suggests the Illustrated Man dislikes his illustrations.
10. How does the writer create the impression that the Illustrated Man is mysterious?