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ENGLISH A

Paper 02 – General Proficiency

2 hours 40 minutes

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. This paper consists of FOUR sections: A, B, C and D.
2. Section A consists of ONE question. You MUST answer this question.
3. Section B consists of ONE question. You MUST answer this question.
4. Section C consists of TWO questions. You MUST answer ONE question from this section. On the pages provided in Section C for your response, circle the question number you have chosen to answer.
5. Section D consists of ONE question. You MUST answer this question.
6. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.
7. Do NOT write in the margins.
8. You are advised to take some time to read through the paper and plan your answers.
9. If you need to rewrite any answer and there is not enough space to do so on the original page, you must use the extra lined page(s) provided at the back of this booklet. Remember to draw a line through your original answer.
10. If you use the extra page(s) you MUST write the question number clearly in the box provided at the top of the extra page(s) and, where relevant, include the question part beside the answer.

DO NOT TURN THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

SECTION A

(Suggested time: 40 minutes)

You **MUST** answer this question.

Write your answer on the **RULED PAGES** provided, pages 6 and 7. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space on page 5 for any notes you may want to make. **THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.**

1. Read carefully the following article on the environmental effects of oil spills. List **FIVE MAIN** points discussed, then write a summary of the article in **NOT MORE THAN 120** words in **ONE PARAGRAPH**. If the word limit is exceeded, only the first 120 words of your answer will be read and assessed.

As far as possible, use your own words. Your summary must be in continuous prose. You **MUST** include in your summary paragraph the five points you listed **AND** other relevant points. A minimum of seven points is required in order for you to score full marks. You may use the space on page 5 to jot down a plan.

In your answer, you will be assessed on how well you

- (a) identify the main ideas and opinions in the extract
- (b) organize and express these ideas and opinions in your own words
- (c) use appropriate grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

Effects of Oil Spills on Nature

Oil spills caused by damaged tankers, pipelines or offshore oil rigs often result in immediate and long-term environmental damage that can last for decades. These oil spills coat everything they touch and become unwelcome by parts of every ecosystem they enter.

When an oil slick from a large spill reaches a beach, oil coats and clings to every rock and grain of sand. If the oil washes into coastal marshes, mangrove forests, or other wetlands, fibrous plants and grasses absorb this oil, which can damage plants and make the area unsuitable as a wildlife habitat. When oil eventually stops floating on the water's surface and begins to sink into the marine environment, it can have similar damaging effects on fragile underwater ecosystems, killing or contaminating fish and smaller organisms that are essential links in the global food chain.

Oil-covered birds are a universal symbol of environmental damage wreaked by oil spills. Sea birds that swim and dive for their food are most likely to be covered in oil following a spill. Oil spills can disrupt migratory patterns by contaminating areas where migrating birds normally stop. Oil not only makes flying impossible but also destroys birds' natural waterproofing and insulation. They often swallow oil, which can damage their internal organs and lead to death.

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Oil spills frequently kill marine mammals such as whales, dolphins, seals and sea otters. Oil can clog the blowholes of whales and dolphins, making it impossible for them to breathe properly and disrupting their ability to communicate. Oil coats the fur of otters and seals, leaving them vulnerable to hypothermia. The Exxon Valdez oil spill killed 2800 sea otters, 300 harbour seals and up to 22 killer whales.

Oil spills often take a deadly toll on fish, shellfish and other marine life, particularly if many fish eggs or larvae are exposed to oil. The Exxon Valdez spill destroyed billions of salmon and herring eggs. Sea turtles can be harmed by oil they encounter in the water or on the beach where they lay their eggs.

Long-term damage to species and their habitats and the nesting or breeding grounds of bird and marine species is one of the most far-reaching environmental effects caused by oil spills. The severity of environmental damage caused by an oil spill depends on such factors as the amount of oil spilled, the location and species of wildlife in the area.

*Adapted from Larry West, "5 Environmental Consequences of Oil Spills"
(Updated 4 February 2020),
Retrieved from <https://www.thoughtco.com/environmental-consequences-of-oil-spills-1204088.htm>*

Total 25 marks

SECTION A

You may make notes here. This will NOT be marked

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SECTION A

Question 1

You MUST write your points for the summary on this page.

LIST OF FIVE MAIN POINTS

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SECTION B

(Suggested time: 30 minutes)

You **MUST** answer this question.

Write your answer on the **RULED PAGES** provided, pages 10 and 11. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space on page 9 for any notes you may want to make. **THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.**

2. Study the situation presented below and then complete the task that follows.

Your class of 25 fifth form students was involved in an accident during a field trip. Use the following information to write a report of that accident to Mr Frederick Drayton, Principal of Chilton Secondary, Hope Street, Sande Rio.

- Trip to West India Soft Drinks Bottling Company, Claxtonville.
- Trip related to CSEC Principles of Business.
- The bus left school at 9 a.m. Teachers, Mr Jeffries and Mrs Almando, and parents, Mr Charles and Miss Brereton, went on the trip.
- The bus left the factory at 1:15 p.m. for return to school.
- A car came out of the Hillaby and Tamju junction and ran into the bus.
- The bus driver, Mr Stanley, swerved and the bus flipped over onto its side.
- The police and ambulance arrived.
- Injured students taken to hospital: Jeromy Alazar, Mavorn Stilton, Dawson Flemming and Marielle Branton.
- Remaining students met parents at school at 5 p.m.

Your report **MUST** be in continuous prose.

Your response will be assessed on how well you

- format the report
- select relevant and complete information
- organize and express the information
- use appropriate grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

Total 30 marks

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SECTION C

(Suggested time: 45 minutes)

You **MUST** answer ONE question from this section.

Your answer should be approximately 400 to 450 words in length.

Write your answer on the **RULED PAGES** provided, pages 14–17. You are expected to write within the word limit. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space on page 13 for any notes you may want to make. **THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.**

You **MUST** write in Standard English. However, dialect may be used in conversation.

In your answer, you will be assessed on how well you

- (a) use the stimulus provided
- (b) develop and organize the content of your writing
- (c) use language appropriate to your audience, purpose and content
- (d) use appropriate grammar, sentence structure, paragraphs, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

EITHER

SHORT STORY

3. Write a story based on the picture below.



Source: unknown

(25 marks)

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OR

4. Write a story based on the sentence below.

Brita opened the door and stared into the eyes of the person she had hoped never to see again.

(25 marks)

SECTION C

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SECTION D

(Suggested time: 45 minutes)

You **MUST** answer this question.

Your answer should be approximately 250 to 300 words in length.

Write your answer on the **RULED PAGES** provided, pages 19–22. You are expected to write within the word limit. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space below for any notes you may want to make. **THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.**

You **MUST** write in Standard English.

In your answer, you will be assessed on

- (a) the appropriateness of your content
- (b) the clarity, organization and development of your argument
- (c) correctness of grammar, sentences, paragraphs, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

5. The use of social media is negatively affecting the lives of young people.

Write an essay giving your views on this statement.

(25 marks)

SECTION D

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