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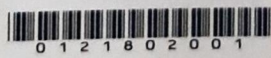
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Paper 02 – General Proficiency

*2 hours 40 minutes*

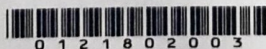
**READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

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.
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.**

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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 how Tik Tok changed the world. List **FIVE MAIN** points discussed, then write a summary of the article in **NOT MORE THAN 120 words** in **ONE PARAGRAPH**. If this limit is exceeded, only the first 120 words of your answer will be read and assessed. You **MUST** include in your summary paragraph the five points you listed **AND** any other relevant points. A minimum of seven points is required in order for you to score full marks.

As far as possible, use your own words. Your summary must be in continuous prose. You may use the space on page 5 to jot down a plan.

Your answer 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.

**How TikTok Changed the World in 2020**

The Chinese-owned platform, TikTok, joined the likes of WhatsApp, Instagram and Twitter in the social media diets of many, despite a multitude of controversies. It popularised short-form video and developed a recommendation algorithm that made it one of the world's strongest video competitors. TikTok became the most downloaded app of the year in 2020. It changed more than just how the world consumes media online.

There is no age limit for TikTok. It is more a willingness to hurl yourself into the chaos of the internet. Encountering somebody online that you relate to before following them religiously, DM-ing them and inundating them with supportive comments and queries whenever they post is distinctly Zoomer (Gen Z) culture. Asking questions, supporting worthy initiatives and mass-protesting in an app space is something that comes naturally to these digital natives.

A substantial following on TikTok translates to a strange sort of celebrity. The ordinary folk who have become known faces have hastened in a new era of content creator. TikTok may have managed to draft in celebrities like Chef Gordon Ramsay, but users flood the app to see distinctly ordinary and relatable individuals. If Instagram gave us the IG model, TikTok has given us the talented next-door neighbour. These characters changed 2020 — and could well change the years to come.

The promotion of trends on TikTok has gone hand in hand with its creation of the audio meme; the mass reproduction of the same sound to all of these magical trends. Sometimes the sounds are from well-known artists, some of whom deliberately court TikTokers to try and boost marketing on the platform. But a distinct component of TikTok culture has been the virality of unknown singers and artists who have been lifted from obscurity to views and listens in their millions.

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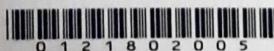
YouTube turned many people into content creators through their computers — and now TikTok is turning even more people into content creators via their phones. YouTubers shoot with editing for the platform in mind — but TikTokers whip their phones out, often on-the-go, film and edit in the app and then instantly upload. While platforms like Instagram increasingly become arenas where only the biggest brands with their marketing budgets get any screen time at the expense of newer, smaller talent, TikTokers with powerful messages — for now — are free to run amok.

*Adapted from <https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20201216-how-tiktok-changed>*

**Total 25 marks**

**SECTION A**

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SECTION A

Question 1.

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LIST OF FIVE MAIN POINTS

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5. ....

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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.**

Mr Braceford, your next-door neighbour, is furious with you for allowing your pet dog to enter his backyard garden, resulting in substantial damage to his plants that were close to harvesting. He has refused to talk to you since the incident.

Write a letter of apology to him in an attempt to maintain a good relationship.

Your letter of apology must include

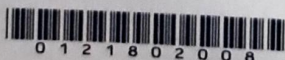
- how the damage occurred
- what was damaged
- an offer to compensate for the damages.

**Your letter of apology MUST be in continuous prose.**

**Your answer will be assessed on how well you**

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

**Total 30 marks**

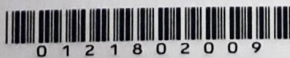


**SECTION B**

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SECTION B

Question 2.

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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.

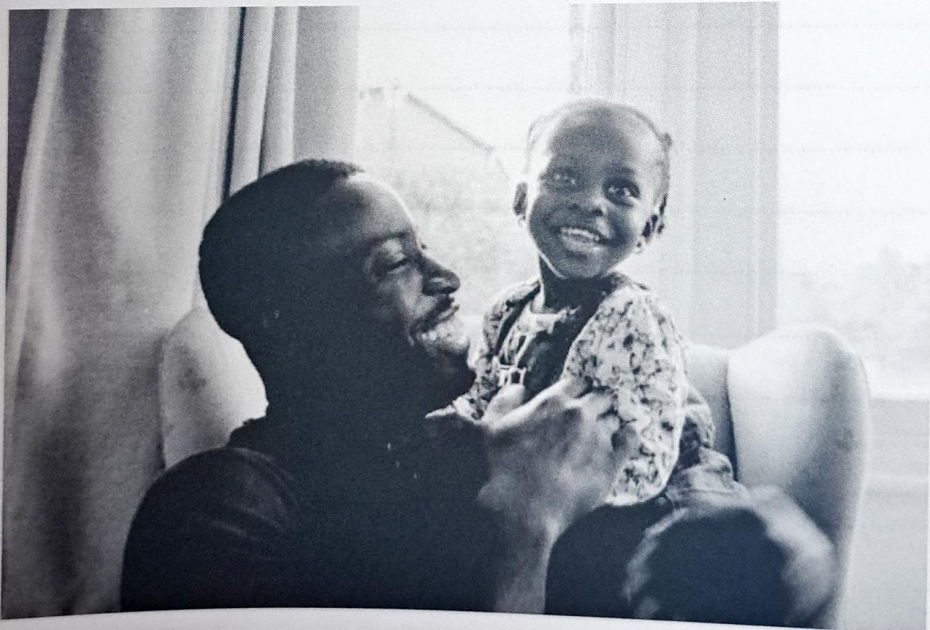
Your answer will be assessed on how well you

- (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**

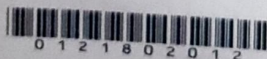
3. Write a story based on the picture below.



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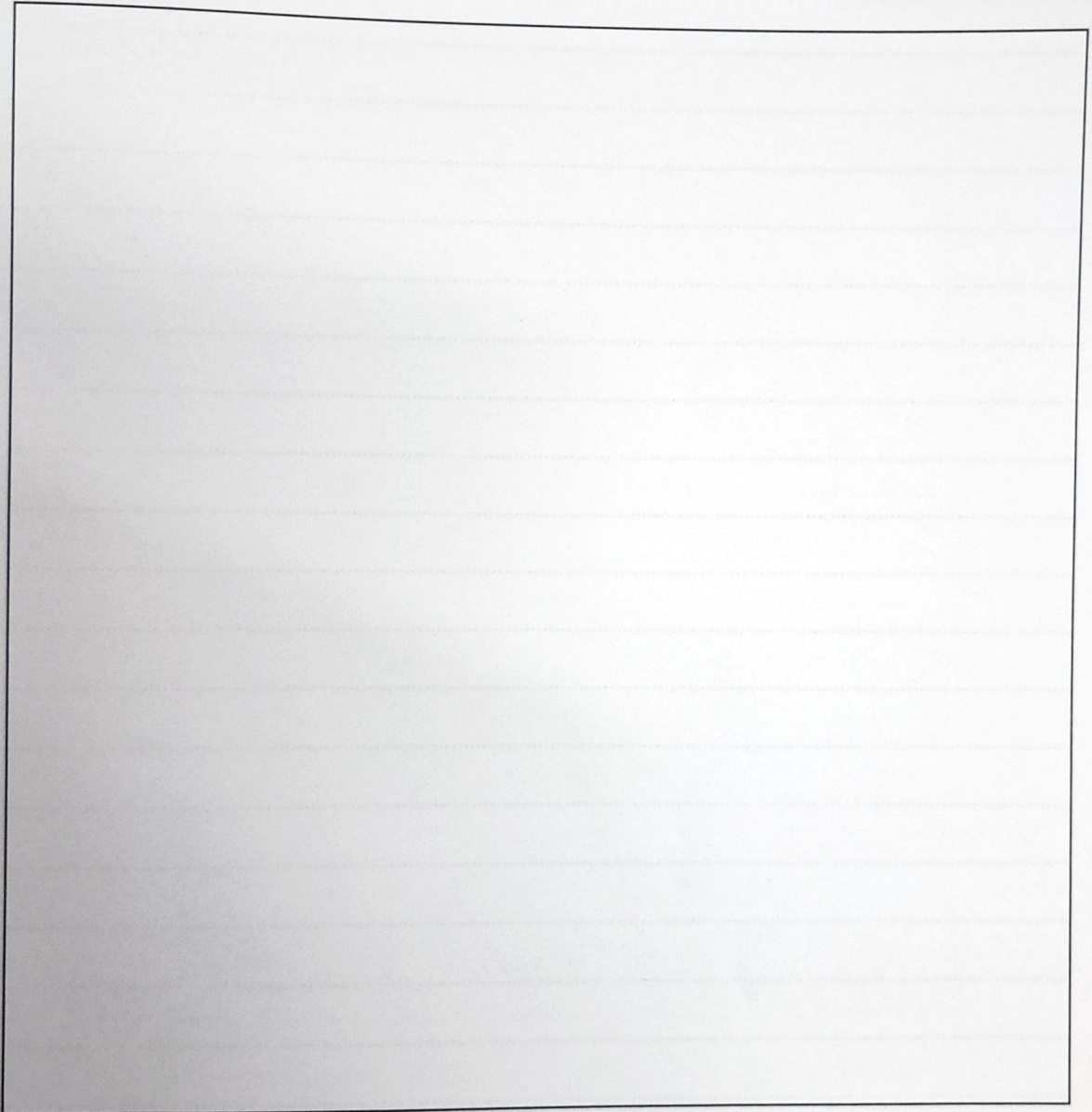
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4. Write a story based on the sentence below.

“Nobody believed that the innocent-looking, charming old lady could have outsmarted the teenagers.”  
(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 20–24. You are expected to write within the word limit. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space on page 19 for any notes you may want to make. THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.**

**You MUST write in Standard English.**

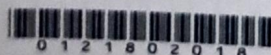
**Your answer will be assessed on the**

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

5. “Face-to-face teaching and learning is better than online teaching and learning.”

Write an argumentative essay giving your views on this statement.

(25 marks)



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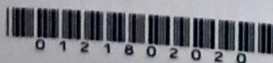


SECTION D

Question 5.

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**SECTION D**

**Question 5.**

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