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Paper 032 – General Proficiency

2 hours

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. This paper consists of THREE questions. Answer ALL questions.
2. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.
3. You are advised to take some time to read through the paper and plan your answers.
4. 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.**
5. 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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Study the THREE texts carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

TEXT 1 — Online Article

Mental Health in the Caribbean

The rising prevalence of mental health conditions in the Caribbean region is a serious public health concern, and as COVID-19 continues to affect persons across the region, there is need for urgent action to promote good mental health.

5 “Lives have changed considerably due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as we are faced with the realities of unemployment, working from home, the closure of schools and not being able to socialise as we used to. The pandemic has had a major impact on people’s mental health especially healthcare and other frontline workers, children, women, families, the homeless, people living alone, and those with pre-existing mental health conditions,” stated Dr Tamu Davidson, Head of Chronic Diseases and Injury at The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

10 In the Americas, depression continues to be the leading mental health disorder and is twice as frequent in women as in men. Mental and neurological disorders in the elderly, such as Alzheimer’s disease, other dementias and depression, contribute to the burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). Mental disorders can also contribute to unintentional and intentional injury. Patients who are depressed are less likely to take their medicines, and persons with chronic NCDs and
15 disability are more likely to be depressed.

Many mental health conditions can be effectively treated at relatively low cost, yet the gap between people needing care and those with access to care remains substantial. A 2020 survey conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO) indicated that services for mental, neurological and substance use disorders had been significantly disrupted during the pandemic.

20 CARPHA supports its member states through health promotion, with a focus on increasing awareness about mental health and strategies to cope with mental illness, targeting the general population, children and adolescents, the elderly, women and other vulnerable populations. Emphasis has been placed on prevention, psychosocial support and coping with mental illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, CARPHA included mental health as a focus of
25 the annual Caribbean Wellness Day. The agency collaborates with the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization and the Health Caribbean Coalition to increase awareness about mental health and reduce stigma.

Achieving mental health care for all calls for a “whole of society approach”. Civil society, faith-based organizations, the private sector and community-based organizations can support and promote
30 mental well-being and prevent mental and substance-related disorders.

There is no health without mental health. This public health day is an opportunity to empower people to look after their own mental health and to provide support to others.

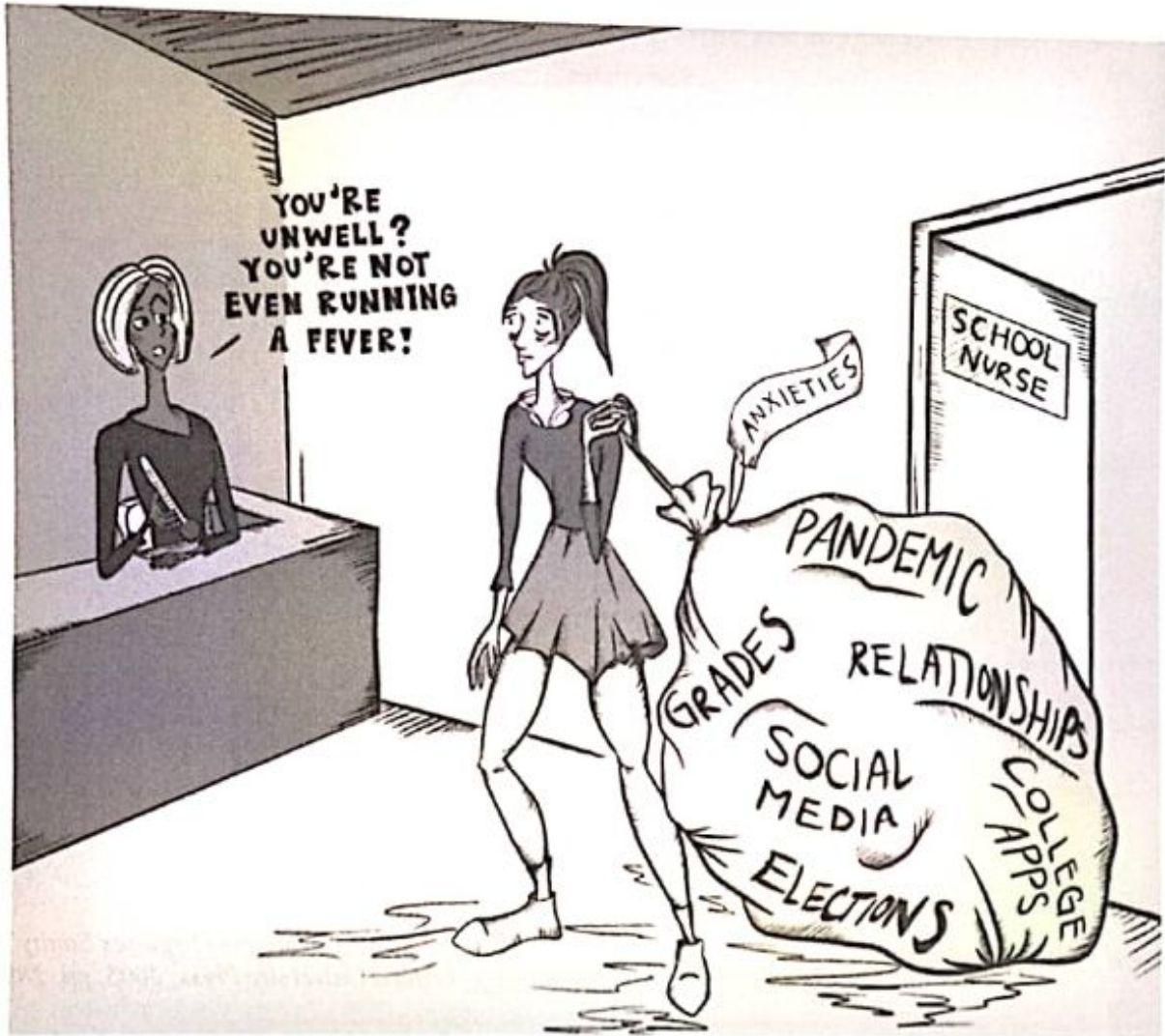
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TEXT 2 — Cartoon



*Kate Loomans (cartoonist for The Broadview).
Retrieved from <https://broadview.sacredsfs.org/17576/opinion/mental-and-physical-health-are-equally-important/>.*

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TEXT 3 — Poem

Madness Disguises Sanity

Sometimes
I mutter
as I walk
people
5 stare and pass by
on the far side

To be one
of those
desolate men
10 who lounge on
stink alleyways
forever talking
to the wind
their words
15 bullets
people shy from

But I am woman
conditioned
to nurse
20 my scream
like a mute child

So I write

*Opal Palmer Adisa, "Madness Disguises Sanity".
In The Oxford Book of Caribbean Verse, Oxford University Press, 2005, pp. 289.*



1. (a) Outline the **main** idea or issue presented in EACH of the THREE texts on pages 4–6.

Text 1

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Text 2

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Text 3

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(6 marks)

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- (b) Choose ONE of the THREE texts on pages 4–6 and assess the appropriateness of the text you have chosen for the purpose of communicating the idea or issue.

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(3 marks)

- (c) For any TWO of the texts on pages 4–6, choose ONE language technique used in EACH and explain its effectiveness.

Title of text

Technique used

Effectiveness

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Title of text

Technique used

Effectiveness

(6 marks)

Total 15 marks

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2. (a) In making a presentation it is important to consider the composition of the audience. Explain THREE other factors that a speaker must consider when making an oral presentation.

Factor 1

Reason

Factor 2

Reason

Factor 3

Reason

(6 marks)



(b) You have been asked to make an oral presentation on the **main** idea or issue highlighted in the three texts on pages 4–6. List **THREE** points you would discuss in the oral presentation.

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- (c) Think of a group of persons who may be interested in the issues outlined in the oral presentation in (b). List **THREE** characteristics of the group to which the presentation would be made and **THREE** techniques that you would use to keep **EACH** group interested in the presentation.

Features of the group

Feature 1

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Technique

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Feature 2

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3. Create an **original** response based on ONE of the ideas or issues outlined in 1 (a) on page 7. You can use drama, poetry, song, prose or any other suitable form. Write your answer on the RULED PAGES provided, pages 14 and 15.

Your response will be assessed for the following:

- **Relevance of content**
- **Organization of ideas**
- **Effective use of language**
- **Vivid word choice**
- **Personal voice/style**

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You MUST write your answer to Question 3 on this page.

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