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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.
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 the following article on food contamination carefully and 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.**

   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.

Contamination of Food

The pros and cons of the use of pesticides in food production is an issue that produces much debate among farmers, retailers, importers, health and financial interests, and others. These substances can enhance the production and appearance of food, but they can also be a potential threat to health and life through contamination of the produce. The issue of pesticide use became front page news in 1989 when small quantities of cyanide were discovered in a few grapes shipped to the United States, resulting in entire shipments being destroyed.

An article published in *Time* magazine discussed the issue. It was noted that contamination of food can begin in the production process. For fruits and vegetables, the major concern is pesticides. At a time when nutritionists are urging the public to eat more fresh produce, consumer groups are claiming that pesticide use could result in thousands of cancer cases over the next 50 years. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the use of pesticides — fungicides, herbicides, insecticides and plant-growth regulators — has more than doubled in the last 20 years, to about 820 million pounds annually. Farmers say the chemicals are necessary to save crops and keep food prices low; even with extensive spraying, pests destroy around a third of crops in the USA yearly.

The government insists that pesticides pose little hazard to health. The EPA sets limits for the amount of residue left on foods that are well below what it considers to be danger levels. Regular checks by the Food and Drug Administration of both domestic and imported crops uncover few violations. But troubling facts remain. As much as 50% of fruits and vegetables come from abroad where the restrictions on pesticides are generally not as stringent as in the USA. Imported produce often carries not only higher levels of chemicals than domestic supplies but growers also use chemicals banned in the USA.

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Obviously, the government will have to strengthen regulations to build up the confidence of the people in the wholesomeness of fruits and vegetables. Although many people would like to see the total removal of pesticide use, that is not likely. Organic farming currently meets only 1% of the local demand. It is more realistic to encourage alternative means of growing crops that rely less heavily on pesticide use. One such method is integrated pest management, an option where one kind of insect which feeds on another is released into fields where that 'other' is causing a problem.

Adapted from Anastasia Toufexis,
"Dining with Invisible Danger".
In Interactions: A Thematic Reader
Houghton Mifflin, 1994, pp. 391–393.

Total 25 marks

SECTION A

You may make notes here. This will NOT be marked.

SECTION A

Question 1.

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

LIST OF FIVE MAIN POINTS

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(5 marks)

SECTION A

Question 1.

You MUST write your summary on this page.

(20 marks)

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 answer the question that follows.

Martin Lammy of Perilow Street, St Patrick, Vanatu, bought a Samsung Galaxy S10e smartphone for US$744.99 from Trilow Telecommunications Company on 40 Barnabas Street, Port of Lama, on 9 May 2023. However, three days after purchasing the phone, all of the apps stopped working. He took his receipt and reported the matter the following day to the sales clerk, who asked him to write a letter of complaint to the manager, Mrs Julia Braceford.

Imagine you are Martin. Write the **letter of complaint** to the manager of the company.

Your letter MUST be in continuous prose.

Your answer will be assessed on how well you

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

Make sure to include all the relevant details in the **letter of complaint** to the manager.

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.

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

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.

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: commercialappeal.com/story/news/2020/04/02/photographer-Jamie-harmo.

(25 marks)

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OR

4. Write a story based on the sentences below.

"Adia's eyes widened as she read each word on the page. It could not be true. She started at the top and began to read the words 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.

You MUST write in Standard English. 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 NOT BE MARKED.

In your answer, you will be assessed on the

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

5. "School security officers should not be allowed to search students' school bags."

Write an argumentative essay giving your views on this statement. **(25 marks)**



SECTION D

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