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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 for any notes you may want to make. THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.

1. **Read carefully the following article on educational games. 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.

   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.

Why Educational Games?

Video games, recently surpassing Hollywood films in annual sales, have become one of the most popular forms of entertainment. Yes, they are fun, but they also offer players a chance to take on new roles and experience worlds in which they learn and solve problems.

Recognizing the power of this medium, designers are now creating games specifically for education. Vastly different from brightly packaged drill-and-practice software of the past, these games offer something new to students — entire worlds in which learners are central, important participants — worlds where what they know is directly related to what they are able to do, and ultimately, who they become.

In the games designed, children become environmental scientists, investigative reporters, statistical consultants and historians. By adopting a persona or "avatar", they make choices that determine how events transpire and what characters in the games will do next. In one of the scenarios, a student playing the game takes on the role of statistician, and in-game characters ask the student player to analyse data to determine whether surveillance cameras or an increased police presence will make the virtual town safer. The next time the student returns to this virtual town, he or she may encounter cameras on every building or a police officer on every corner. Accountability in the world of video games is not based on external tests, but on the consequences of one's choices.

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In this context, students learn how to investigate and pose solutions and they learn what it means to be historians, scientists or mathematicians. Students often find a passion for materials that they will be exposed to in the learning experiences at school. They then begin to see themselves as capable of solving interesting problems. This approach truly ensures that no child is left behind, because it offers students opportunities to engage with and appreciate the school's curriculum content.

In the process of using games, students must see how the virtual experience relates to real-life experiences. Games are seen as environments that make academic content a necessary tool and that position the learner as a hero who transforms a virtual world. Becoming a hero within a virtual world should enable students to see themselves as people capable of using what they learn to change their world and to continue growing as scientists, historians or writers. When students solve problems in virtual scenarios, they get a taste of the real-world power of academic content.

Adapted from Sasha A. Barab et. al (September 2009)
"Why Educators Should Care About Games". In Educational Leadership Vol. 67. No. 1.

Total 25 marks

SECTION A

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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.

The president of the students' council at your school, Aron Persad, recently attended a session on interview tips for school leavers. The session was facilitated by Johan Sanchez, career guidance officer in the Ministry of Education in your country. Mr Sanchez shared the following tips to be used in preparing for an interview.

- Do your research about the company.
- Review the job description carefully.
- Be on time for the interview.
- Greet the interviewer with a firm but friendly handshake.
- Maintain proper eye contact with the interviewer.
- Speak slowly and confidently.
- Use Standard English during the interview.
- At the end, thank the interviewer for considering you for the job.

As president of the student council, write an article to be placed in the school's magazine or newsletter. In this article, you must inform the student body of the interview tips that were shared.

Your article MUST be in continuous prose.

Your answer will be assessed on how well you

- **format the article**
- **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.

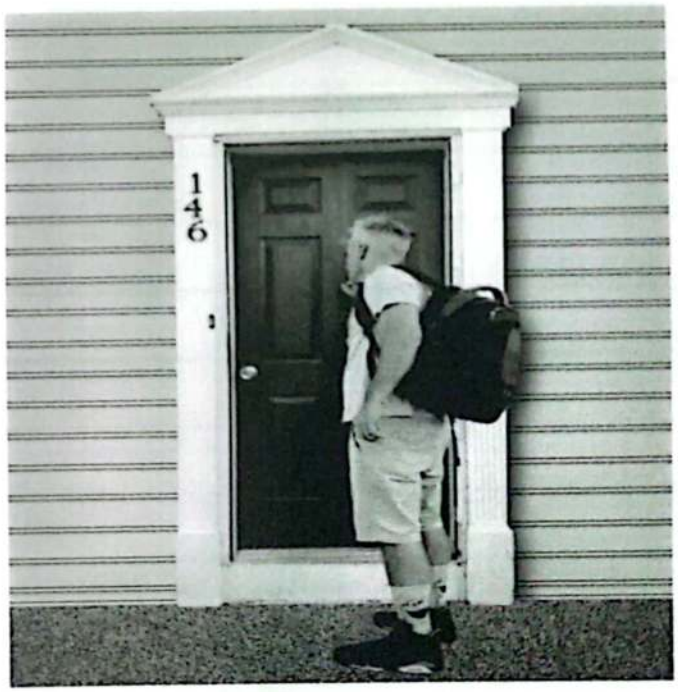
Your answer will be assessed on how well you

(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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OR

4. Write a story based on the sentence below.

"Suddenly, my Instagram (IG) account was being flooded with messages." **(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 20–23. 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, sentence structure, paragraphs, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

5. "The school is the most important institution for teaching manners and respect to children."

Write an argumentative essay giving your views on the statement.

(25 marks)

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