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SOCIAL STUDIES

Paper 02 – General Proficiency

2 hours 40 minutes

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. This paper consists of TWO sections, A and B.
2. Section A consists of FOUR questions. You must answer ALL FOUR questions.
3. Section B consists of TWO questions. You must answer BOTH questions.
4. Where questions require an explanation, suggestion, proposal or reason, you should develop your response fully.
5. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.
6. Do NOT write in the margins.
7. You are advised to take some time to read through the paper and plan your answers.
8. 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.**
9. **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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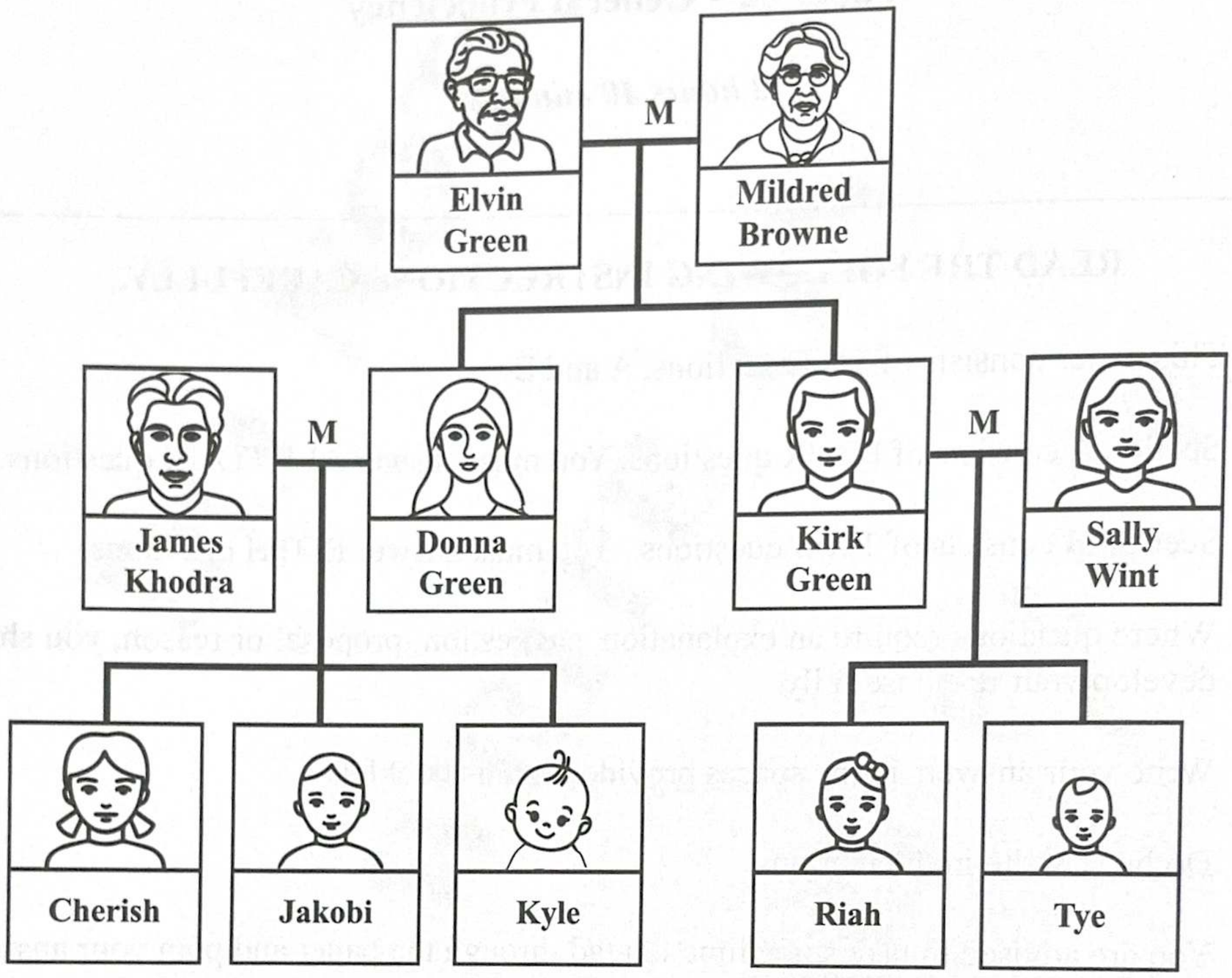
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SECTION A

Answer all FOUR questions in this section.

INDIVIDUAL AND THE FAMILY

1. Figure 1 shows a diagram of a family tree. Study the diagram and answer the questions that follow.



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Figure 1. Family tree

(a) State the relationship between the following pairs of individuals, based on the family tree in Figure 1 **on page 4**.

(i) Elvin and Cherish

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(1 mark)

(ii) Tye and Jakobi

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(1 mark)

(b) Describe TWO types of family unions in the Caribbean.

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(c) Use the table **on page 7** to respond to (c) (i) and (c) (ii).

(i) Suggest TWO actions that a government agency responsible for family affairs may take to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse. **(4 marks)**

(ii) Explain how EACH action suggested in (c) (i) is likely to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse. **(4 marks)**

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SOCIETY AND GOVERNANCE

2. (a) (i) Outline how a government is elected using the first-past-the-post electoral system.

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(ii) Name TWO Caribbean countries which use the first-past-the-post electoral system.

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(b) Outline ONE difference between facts and propaganda, in relation to electoral campaigns.

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(c) Use the table **on page 11** to respond to (c) (i) and (c) (ii).

(i) Suggest TWO actions which the government of your country could take to provide for the economic needs of the citizens. **(4 marks)**

(ii) Explain how EACH of the actions suggested in (c) (i) is likely to be successful in ensuring that the economic needs of citizens are met. **(4 marks)**

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Actions to provide for needs of citizens	Reasons for likely success of actions
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DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF RESOURCES

3. (a) Define the term 'global warming'.

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(2 marks)

(b) (i) State TWO ways by which human beings have contributed to global warming.

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(ii) State TWO consequences of global warming.

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(c) Use the table **on page 13** to respond to (c) (i) and (c) (ii).

(i) Suggest TWO actions that individuals could take to reduce global warming.

(4 marks)

(ii) Explain how EACH action suggested in (c) (i) is likely to be successful in reducing global warming.

(4 marks)

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4. (a) Figure 2 shows a map of the Caribbean region.

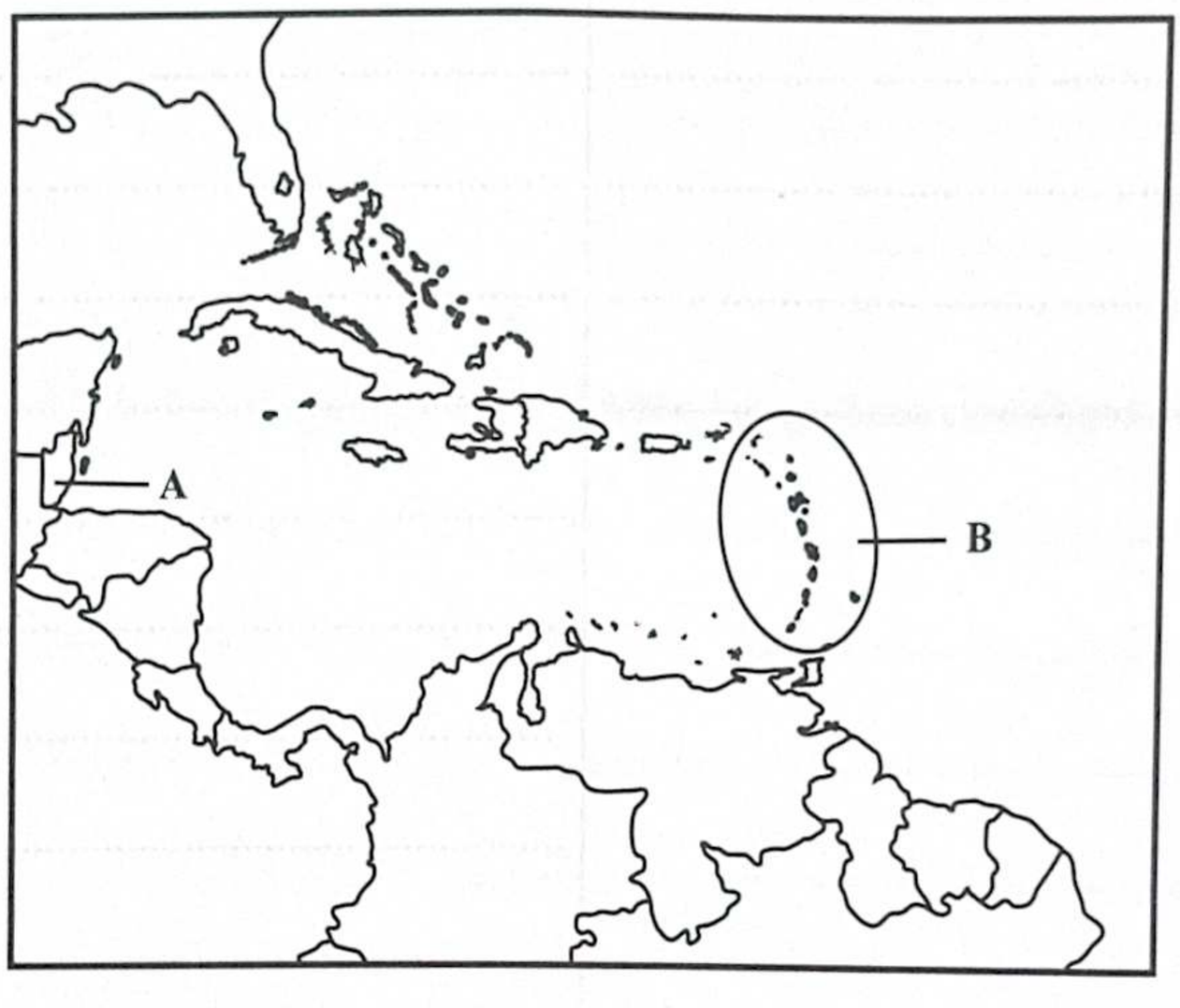


Figure 2. Map of Caribbean region

(i) Name the CARICOM member country labelled **A**.

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(ii) Name the group of Caribbean countries labelled **B**.

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(b) (i) Define the term 'gross domestic product'.

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(ii) Outline how a high level of debt by Caribbean countries could negatively impact sustainable development in the region.

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(c) Use the table **on page 17** to respond to (c) (i) and (c) (ii).

(i) Suggest TWO actions individual CARICOM citizens can take to promote integration and development in the region. **(4 marks)**

(ii) Explain how EACH action suggested in (c) (i) would be successful in promoting integration and development in the region. **(4 marks)**

Suggestions to promote Caribbean integration	Reasons for likely success of suggestions
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SECTION B

Answer BOTH questions in this section.

The responses in this section MUST be written in essay format. For EACH question, 18 marks are allocated for content and 4 marks for organization and development of your essay.

Write your response on the RULED PAGES provided. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank page for any notes you want to make. THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.

INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY AND SOCIETY

Cultural Diversity in the Caribbean

5. The Caribbean is home to people of many different ethnic backgrounds, traditions, and beliefs which have helped to shape the region's unique cultural identity.

Write a speech on cultural diversity in the Caribbean which you will deliver to a meeting of the Youth Parliament, of which you are a member. In your speech

- define the term 'cultural diversity'
- state TWO ways in which culture is transmitted in the Caribbean
- state how TWO named ethnic groups present in the Caribbean have helped to shape cultural practices in the region
- suggest THREE strategies Caribbean governments can use to promote respect for and acceptance of cultural diversity across the region
- explain why TWO of the strategies suggested are likely to be successful in promoting respect for and acceptance of cultural diversity across the region.

Total 22 marks

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Question 5

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF RESOURCES

Protecting the Environment for the Present and Future Generations

6. Over the last two weeks, your teacher has been having discussions in class surrounding the fact that despite its rich resources, the Caribbean faces ongoing challenges in improving the overall quality of life for citizens.

You are required to write an essay on the topic above. In your essay

- define the term 'development'
- state two **major** challenges affecting development in the Caribbean region
- outline TWO ways in which technology OR infrastructure can influence the development of the agricultural sector in the Caribbean
- suggest THREE actions which Caribbean citizens can take to demonstrate their care and concern for the natural environment
- explain why TWO of the actions suggested are likely to be successful in caring for the natural environment.

Total 22 marks

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Question 6

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