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Paper 02 – General Proficiency

2 hours 40 minutes

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READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

This paper has THREE sections, as follows:

SECTION A	Questions 1, 2 and 3	–	Individual, Family and Society
SECTION B	Part I Questions 4 and 5	–	Development and Use of Resources
	Part II Questions 6 and 7	–	Regional Integration
SECTION C	Questions 8	–	Communication
	Questions 9	–	Consumer Affairs
	Questions 10	–	Tourism

(i) You MUST answer a total of FIVE questions – TWO from SECTION A, TWO from SECTION B (choose ONE from Part I and ONE from Part II) and ONE from SECTION C.

(ii) Where questions require an explanation, suggestion or proposal, you should develop your response fully.

(iii) You are advised to take some time to read through the paper and plan your answers.

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SECTION A

INDIVIDUAL INTERACTION

Answer TWO questions from this section. Where questions require an explanation, suggestion, proposal or a reason, you should develop your answers fully.

1. Maya and Sam have been married for many years. They live with their two adult sons and three granddaughters. The family is very close and they communicate openly. Recently, Maya's aging mother moved in with the family.

(a) (i) Identify the form of marriage referred to in the passage. **(1 mark)**

(ii) Name ONE form of marriage that is NOT common in Caribbean society. **(1 mark)**

(b) Explain TWO ways in which good communication skills can contribute to healthy relationships in a family. **(4 marks)**

(c) Give ONE reason why family members should show care and concern for Maya's aging mother. **(2 marks)**

(d) (i) Suggest to young persons, giving full details, THREE actions they can take to show care and concern for their aging relatives. **(6 marks)**

(ii) Explain fully why EACH action is likely to be successful. **(6 marks)**

Total 20 marks

2. Paul, the leader of the Greening interest group, informed the members that he had changed the goals of the group. The members met and were not in agreement with Paul's decision. They concluded that their leader must change his leadership style.

(a) What is meant by the term 'interest group'? **(2 marks)**

(b) (i) Identify Paul's leadership style. **(1 mark)**

(ii) Identify a different leadership style that the members can suggest to the leader. **(1 mark)**

(c) Explain TWO reasons why members of a group may have difficulty agreeing on an issue. **(4 marks)**

(d) (i) Suggest to the members of the Greening interest group, giving full details, THREE strategies they can use to encourage their leader to change his leadership style. **(6 marks)**

(ii) Explain fully why EACH strategy is likely to be successful. **(6 marks)**

Total 20 marks

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3. (a) Identify TWO factors that may cause voters NOT to participate in a general election. **(2 marks)**

(b) State TWO functions of the legislative arm of a government. **(2 marks)**

(c) Describe TWO ways in which the opposition party can contribute to good governance in a country. **(4 marks)**

(d) The leader of the opposition has expressed alarm over the escalating crime rate in the country.

(i) Suggest, giving full details, THREE measures the leader of the opposition can propose to the government to help the citizens feel safer in their homes. **(6 marks)**

(ii) Explain fully why EACH of the measures you have suggested is likely to be successful. **(6 marks)**

Total 20 marks

SECTION B

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF RESOURCES

PART I

Answer EITHER Question 4 OR Question 5.

Where questions require an explanation, suggestion, proposal or a reason, you should develop your responses fully.

4. In most Caribbean countries people of African descent make up a large percentage of the population. Other ethnic groups include people of Indian descent, Chinese descent and European descent.

(a) Outline ONE factor that has contributed to the high percentage of people of African descent in the population. **(2 marks)**

(b) State TWO cultural traditions practised by EITHER people of Chinese descent OR Indian descent in the Caribbean. **(2 marks)**

(c) Give TWO reasons why young adults may NOT follow the cultural practices of their ancestors. **(4 marks)**

(d) (i) Suggest to the officials of the Ministry of Culture, giving full details, THREE strategies they can use to promote a national culture based on the country's heritage. **(6 marks)**

(ii) Explain fully why EACH strategy is likely to be successful. **(6 marks)**

Total 20 marks

5. (a) What is meant by the term 'natural resource'? **(2 marks)**

(b) Apart from land, identify TWO major natural resources found in any **named** Caribbean country. **(2 marks)**

(c) For EACH of the resources named in (b), give ONE reason why it is important to Caribbean people. **(4 marks)**

(d) (i) Suggest to Ministers of Agriculture, giving full details, THREE strategies which they can use to encourage farmers to produce more food. **(6 marks)**

(ii) Explain fully why EACH of these strategies is likely to be successful. **(6 marks)**

Total 20 marks

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PART II

REGIONAL INTEGRATION

Answer EITHER Question 6 OR Question 7.

Where questions require an explanation, suggestion, proposal or reason, you should develop your responses fully.

6. **Regional integration allows Caribbean countries to expand trade by forming a common market.**

Write an essay on the topic above. In your essay explain the term 'common market' and explain TWO ways in which Caribbean businesses can benefit from a common market. Give ONE reason why achieving full economic integration in the Caribbean may be difficult. Finally, suggest, giving full details, THREE strategies that CARICOM leaders may use to increase trade within the Caribbean. Explain fully why EACH of the strategies is likely to be successful.

Total 20 marks

7. **Many Caribbean countries are turning to the Caribbean Development Bank.**

Write an essay on the topic above. First state what is the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). State TWO reasons why some CARICOM countries may borrow money from the CDB or international lending agencies. Describe TWO negative effects to a country of borrowing money from an international lending agency. Finally suggest to the leaders of CARICOM countries, giving full details, THREE strategies they can use to reduce their country's outflow of foreign exchange. Explain fully why EACH strategy suggested is likely to be successful.

Total 20 marks

SECTION C

OPTIONS

Answer ONE from Question 8 to 10.

Where questions require explanations, suggestions, proposals or reasons, you should develop your answers fully. Statements requiring justifications should be relevant and proposals feasible.

8. COMMUNICATION

In a television survey among students on censorship, 78 per cent of the students aged 13 to 17 years were against censorship and gave reasons for their views.

Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper in response to the findings above. In your letter state what is meant by the term 'censorship'and identify TWO types of materials that are censored. Give TWO reasons why television programmes should be censored. Suggest to the managers of television stations, giving full details, THREE strategies they may use to reduce the influence of global television on the lifestyles of young people. Explain fully why EACH strategy you have suggested is likely to be successful.

Total 20 marks

9. CONSUMER AFFAIRS

A Market Scene

Tantie: Look at the price of those goods! Just yesterday the prices were low. Today they have gone sky high.

Vendor: Blame inflation! I had to pay a lot of money to bring in my goods. Why did the government devalue our money?

Tantie: You will have to eat all those goods. We aren't buying. The price is too high.

Vendor: Well, you will have to eat the money, then!

Write an essay based on the conversation above. In your essay give the meaning of the term 'inflation'. Apart from devaluation, outline TWO other factors which can cause inflation. State TWO factors that can cause the government of a country to devalue its currency. Explain, giving full details, THREE measures consumers can use to fight inflation. Explain fully why EACH measure you have suggested is likely to be successful.

Total 20 marks

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10. TOURISM

Tourist arrivals increase as hotels offer all-inclusive packages but environmentalists express concern about effects of tourism expansion on the environment.

Write an essay on the above headline from a newspaper article. In your essay explain the meaning of the expression 'all-inclusive packages'. Apart from all-inclusive packages, identify TWO factors that tourists may consider when deciding to visit a country. Describe TWO ways in which the development of a hotel on the beach front affects the physical environment. Finally, suggest to the officials of the Ministry of Tourism in your country, giving full details, THREE actions they may take to reduce possible damage to the physical environment from tourist resort development. Explain fully why EACH of the actions you suggested is likely to be successful.

Total 20 marks

END OF TEST

IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, CHECK YOUR WORK ON THIS TEST.