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SUBJECT

ENGLISH A – Paper 02

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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 the following article on the use of social networks carefully. 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. You **MUST** include in your summary paragraph the five points you listed **AND** any other relevant points.

As far as possible, use your own words. Your summary must be in continuous prose. 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.

The Use of Social Networking

The use of social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tinder has become the cornerstone of modern communication and connection as these sites create a sense of belonging for users and redefine their way of being. Despite the many positive benefits and impacts of these sites, the recent Cambridge Analytica scandal has reignited discussions about the place of social media and social networking sites in our lives.

Over the past five years, there has been an increase in the number of studies assessing how excessive social media use can impact negatively on health. In a recent paper, Drs Kuss and Griffiths showed that social media use for a minority of individuals is associated with a number of psychological problems, including anxiety, depression, loneliness, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and addiction. Because social media is most frequently accessed via smartphones, their usage is intimately intertwined and their mobile nature contributes to excessive checking habits, which often derives from what is commonly labelled as the 'fear of missing out' (FOMO). Drs Kuss and Griffiths also found that for a small minority of individuals, there was a significant detrimental effect on their real life relationships and academic achievement among those still in education. Such signs are indicative of addiction.



The good news is that very few people are genuinely addicted to social media. However, many people's social media use is habitual and it can start to spill over into other areas of their lives and be problematic and dangerous, such as checking social media while driving. Other behaviours may be annoying rather than dangerous, such as checking social media while eating out with friends or constantly checking your smartphone while watching a movie at the cinema. Others may snub social contact with their loved ones or friends and prefer to check out social media on their smartphone instead (so-called 'phubbing').

At a societal level, steps need to be taken by governments or organizations to help minimize and (in some cases) prohibit the use of mobile devices. Some such steps may include the banning of smartphone use while driving. Given the loss of productivity in both the workplace and educational settings, employers, schools, and colleges need policies in place to ensure that individuals are focused on what they should be doing.

When it comes to solving the problem of reducing individuals' use of social media, there is no magic bullet. While individuals are ultimately responsible for their own social media use, policymakers, social media operators, employers and educational establishments all need to play their part in reducing excessive social media use.

Mark D. Griffiths. "Addicted to Social Media?",
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/in-excess/201805/addicted-social-media>

Total 25 marks

SECTION A

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SECTION A

Question 1

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

LIST OF FIVE MAIN POINTS

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

(5 marks)



Question 1

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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 mother of Ryoko Walton, Ms Mary Walton, needs to inform the principal of Trinity High School, Mrs Aveng, that her son's school uniform and books were destroyed in the recent floods that swept the country. Ryoko, a student of Form 4 Business, will not be able to attend school in uniform for the next two weeks during which time the new uniform will be acquired. Ryoko's mother needs to ask the principal's permission for him to attend school out of uniform and without his textbooks so that he does not miss any of his classes.

Write the letter that **Ryoko Walton's mother** would write to the principal.

Make sure to include all the relevant details in the letter to the principal so that all concerned will be fully aware of the situation.

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.

Total 30 marks



SECTION B

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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.

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: *Caribbean Beat*, Media and Editorial Projects Ltd.
July/August 2019, pp. 48–49.

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OR

4. Marvin opened the note and read "Your life is in danger. Say nothing to anyone. You must leave immediately and never return."

Write a story which includes these sentences.

(25 marks)

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SECTION D

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Your answer should be approximately 250 to 300 words in length.

Write your answer on the RULED PAGES provided, pages 19–22. You are expected to write within the word limit. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space below for any notes you may want to make. THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.

You MUST write in Standard English.

In your answer, you will be assessed on

- (a) appropriate content
- (b) clarity, organization and the development of your argument
- (c) correctness of grammar, sentence structure, paragraphs, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

5. “Crime among the youth is the result of poor parenting.”

Write an essay giving your views on the statement.

(25 marks)

SECTION D

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SECTION D

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