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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BAHAMAS JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION 2020

0042 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER I (WRITING SKILLS) (40 Marks)

Tuesday **26 May 2020** 9:00 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Write your school number, candidate number, surname and initials in the spaces provided at the top of this booklet.

You must answer both questions – Question 1 and Question 2. For Question 1, write a composition based on **ONE** of the topics overleaf.

You should write approximately 300 words.

For Question 2, write **ONE** of the letters listed in that section. The body of the letter should contain approximately 100 words.

You should pay attention to punctuation, spelling and handwriting.

At the beginning of your composition and letter, write the number of the topic you have chosen.

Your answers must be written in the spaces provided in this booklet.



This question paper consists of **10** printed pages and **2** blank pages.

Candidates are advised to read very carefully the instructions given. Marks will be awarded for the orderly presentation of material. Candidates who neglect this essential will be penalised.

QUESTION 1 – COMPOSITION (30 MARKS)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer this question on the lined paper included in this booklet. An outline or plan must be written *before* you begin your composition.

1. Your composition should contain approximately 300 words. Write at least three well developed paragraphs on **ONE** of the following topics. The letter topic (indicated by an asterisk*) will require a heading, salutation and appropriate closing.

- *(a) You are afraid to speak directly to your much older brother or sister about his/her habit of texting while driving. Write a letter in which you explain at least **THREE** reasons why it is unwise to text while driving and try to convince your sibling to stop communicating this way.
- (b) Write a story that includes **ALL** of the following:
 - a smartphone
 - two friends
 - a senior mistress/senior master
 - a police officer
- (c) Describe a recent track and field meet in which your sports club participated. Be sure to include a vivid description of the setting, the sights, sounds, and activities, as well as **ONE** interesting event in which you took part.
- (d) I was walking home when I realised that a weeping child, three or four years old, was following close behind me. Write a story in which you use this sentence.
- (e) Your school does not allow restaurants to deliver meals to students. Do you agree or disagree with this policy? Provide at least **THREE** reasons to support your view.
- (f) Study the photographs on pages 3 and 4 carefully and use **ONE** of them to write a composition of your own. The composition may be narrative, descriptive, expository or argumentative/persuasive. There must be a clear connection between the photograph and the composition.



(i)



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QUESTION 2

FORMAL LETTER-WRITING (10 MARKS)

INSTRUCTIONS:

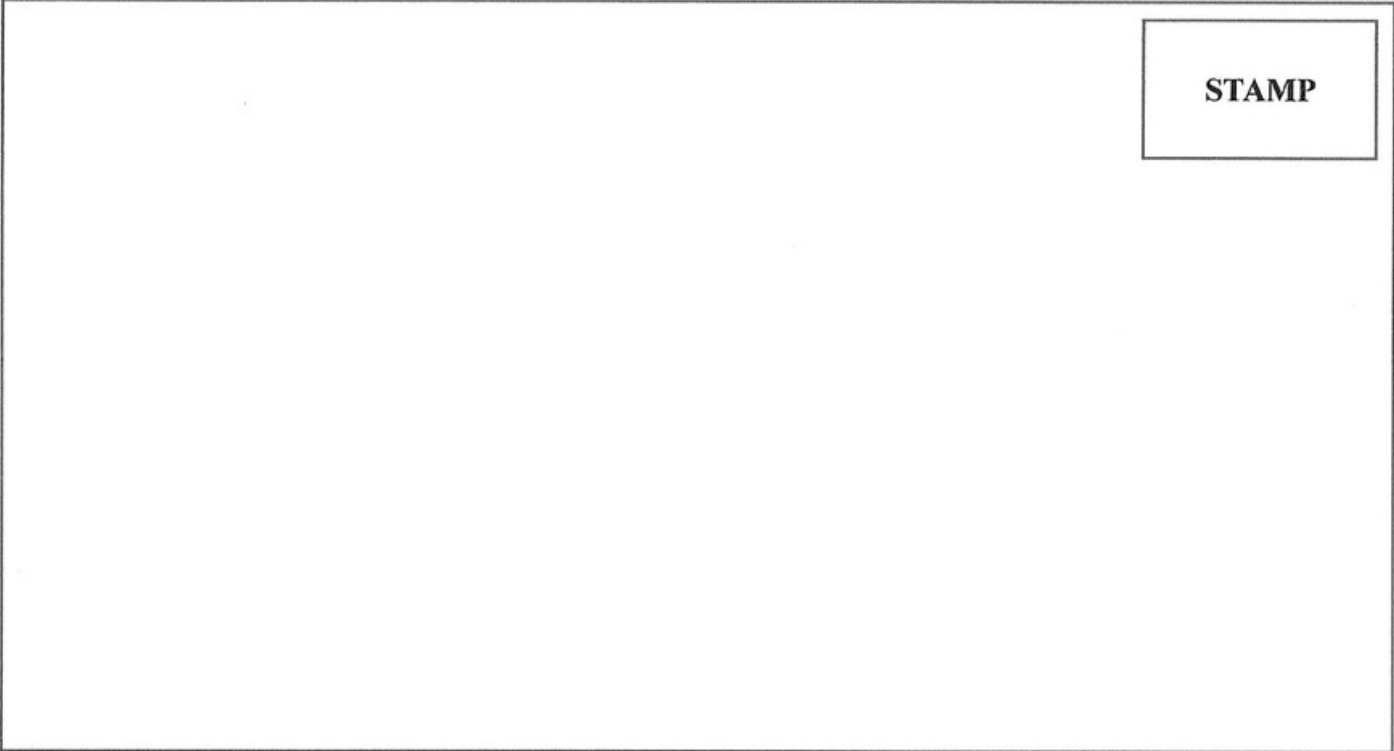
Write **ONE** of the following letters. The body of the letter should contain approximately 100 words. Please begin your letter on a new page – on page 9.

- 2A (a) You purchased a ticket to see a play called “Hard Times” at a local theatre or hall. However, when you arrived, all of the seats were occupied. Write a letter to the Manager complaining about this and about how the staff dealt with the situation. Be sure to request compensation.
- (b) You have been recently released from a hospital in The Bahamas after having minor surgery. Write a letter of thanks to the Director of the hospital. Be sure to mention the name of the hospital, the doctor who performed the surgery, the type of surgery that was performed, and give specific details about the special care you received.
- (c) Your school is hosting a special assembly to celebrate the opening of its first Computer Lab, for which the Department of Education has provided some equipment. Write a letter to the Director of Education inviting him/her to speak on the importance of using technology in the classroom. Be sure to include the date and time of the assembly, as well as details about the equipment received from the Department of Education.
- (d) Your principal has announced that he/she has been asked to send a student to represent the school at a special event, to meet the Prime Minister of The Bahamas and the Minister of Education. Write a letter to the Principal stating why you should be chosen as the representative. Be sure to mention the date and the venue for the event.

There is an envelope on page 10. Address it correctly *after* you have written the letter.



- 2B Address this envelope correctly to correspond with the letter you have written. If you make a mistake addressing the envelope, draw a line through it and draw another envelope in any remaining space in this booklet.



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