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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BAHAMAS JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION 2023

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

Friday **26 May 2023** 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) “Students learn better in a virtual/online classroom.” Do you agree **OR** disagree with this statement? Write a letter to a friend or relative explaining at least **THREE** different reasons why you agree or disagree.
 - (b) Write a story that is set in a hospital and that includes all of the following:
 - a gift
 - a grouchy receptionist
 - a wheelchair
 - an elderly man or woman
 - (c) Write a composition describing a well-known entertainer or another famous individual who is one of your role models. Be sure to provide a description of his/her appearance and personality traits, and explain why you admire this person.
 - (d) Your principal has asked students to write a composition in which they discuss **THREE** new school rules that they think should be put into practice. Write a persuasive essay in which you attempt to convince readers to accept your reason/s for supporting each rule that you discuss.
 - (e) Write a story called *My Neighbour to the Rescue*.
 - (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)



[Turn over]



(ii)



Teen Tattoos: Things to Consider Before Getting Inked (yourteenmag.com)



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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.

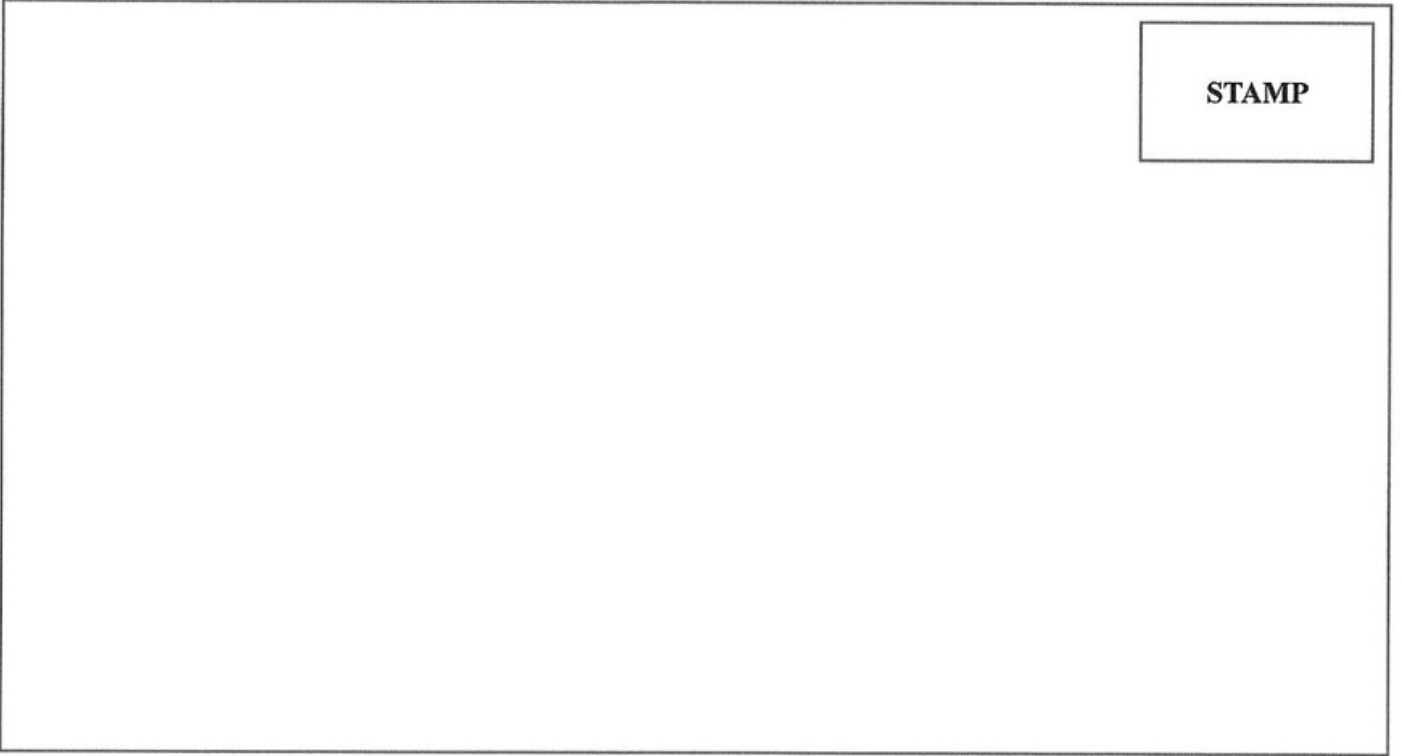
- 2A (a) Your grandmother is celebrating her 100th birthday. Write a formal letter to the Governor General, inviting him/her to celebrate this occasion with you and your family. Make sure to include the date, time, location, theme, and why he/she is being invited.
- (b) The Junior Community Committee of your neighbourhood has done much to improve your community since the start of the New Year. Write a letter to the Chairperson of the National Pride Day Committee, nominating your community to receive the “*Community in the Spotlight Award*”. Be sure to explain why it deserves this award.
- (c) Your senior master/mistress has been selected to be inducted into the National Honour Society for Educators. Write a letter congratulating him/her on this achievement. Be sure to explain why he/she deserves this commendation.
- (d) You recently won a laptop in a competition sponsored by a local electronics store, only to discover that it is not working properly. Write a letter to the Manager of the store expressing your concern about how the faulty laptop has negatively affected your school work. Be sure to request a replacement.

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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