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0042 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER II LISTENING COMPREHENSION; USAGE AND READING COMPREHENSION (60 Marks)

Tuesday **30 MAY 2023** 9:00 A.M.–11:30 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 at the top of this page.

This paper consists of **TWO** parts:

PART I – Listening Comprehension

PART II – Usage and Reading Comprehension

For Part I, you will be required to listen to a passage which will be read twice, then answer the questions found on pages 6, 7 and 8 of the booklet.

For Part II, there are two Reading Comprehension passages. One of them includes a cloze exercise, which is the Usage segment of the examination. Read each passage carefully, and then answer the questions which follow.

Answer all questions in the spaces provided in the question booklet.

Number your answers clearly.

Special attention should be given to the directions for each question.

Work should be neat and well organised.



This question paper consists of **15** printed pages and **5** blank pages.

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PART I
LISTENING COMPREHENSION

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

The passage will be read to you **TWICE**.

FIRST READING

Listen carefully to the **FIRST READING** to gain a general impression of what is being said. You **MUST NOT** look at the **NOTES SECTION** or the **QUESTIONS** during the **FIRST** reading.

AFTER THE FIRST READING, turn to the **NOTES SECTION** of the paper. Read through the suggested points, then make notes on the points listed. You will have 2 minutes. Your notes will not be marked.

SECOND READING

Listen again as the passage is read a second time. You may make additional notes as you listen. **AFTER THE SECOND READING** you will have 2 minutes to complete your note making.

You should spend at least 30 minutes answering the questions in **PART I (B) LISTENING COMPREHENSION**.

After completing **PART I**, you should go straight on to **PART II**.

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PART I (A)**CELL PHONES FOR CHILDREN: THE BENEFITS AND RULES****INSTRUCTIONS:**

Make notes on the following points. Remember that you will need these notes in another part of the test; therefore, make them as full and accurate as you can.

Listen carefully

YOUR NOTES ON THE PRESENTATION

- According to research, the percentage of children who own a cell phone

- Specific benefits of **children** owning a cell phone

- Specific ways children can prove that they are able to use a cell phone responsibly

- The specific benefits the speaker says **parents** can gain from allowing their children to own cell phones



- The first **FOUR** recommended cell phone rules for **children** to follow

- Details about the **fifth** (5th) and **final** recommended cell phone rule for **children** to follow

- Rules recommended for **parents** to follow to ensure that their children are behaving responsibly

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[Turn over

PART I (B)

INSTRUCTIONS:

All answers in this section must be based on information in the recording.

For questions 1–4, shade the box next to the letter that indicates the best answer.

1. According to the recording, research shows that _____ of children own cell phones.

A.	☐	50%
B.	☐	60%
C.	☐	78%
D.	☐	88%

[1]

2. What does the speaker in the recording refer to the cell phone as being?

A.	☐	an expensive device
B.	☐	a cheap Christmas gift
C.	☐	a mobile device
D.	☐	an unintelligent phone

[1]

3. According to the recording, when establishing rules for cellular phone use, parents should first _____:

A.	☐	discuss the matter with friends.
B.	☐	have a family meeting.
C.	☐	Google the rules on the internet.
D.	☐	seek advice from responsible teachers.

[1]

4. The speaker in the recording says children should do all of the following when dealing with cyber bullying, **except**:

A.	☐	blocking content and the user.
B.	☐	reporting the bullying to parents.
C.	☐	speaking to the bully in a private online chat.
D.	☐	talking to a trusted adult.

[1]



True or False

5. Next to each of the following statements, write the letter **T** on the space provided if the statement is **TRUE** or the letter **F** if the statement is **FALSE**. Base your answers on information from the recording.

- (a) _____ be wise – use respectful and decent language.
- (b) _____ block the cell number of people who are not their relatives and friends.
- (c) _____ keep their password a secret from everyone, including their parents.
- (d) _____ think about the content of anything they plan to post before they send it to the internet.

[4]

6. List **TWO (2)** specific things mentioned in the recording that children can do with their cell phones to prove they are responsible.

[2]

7. The recording mentions several benefits of children owning cell phones, one of which is that they learn to be responsible. Provide **TWO (2)** other specific benefits.

[2]

8. The table below presents problems being experienced by three different parents whose children own cell phones. Complete the table so that it gives **ONE** piece of advice to each parent about how best to deal with the problem he/she is experiencing. Your answer **must** be based on specific information from the recording.

Teenagers and the Problem their Parents Are Experiencing	Specific Advice for each Parent
(a) Mark falls asleep long after midnight with his cell phone on. It is either under his face or in his hand.	
(b) Monique saved her allowance to purchase her costly cell phone and does not let anyone touch it.	
(c) Brendon texts and talks to his girlfriend on the cell phone for hours each day, although they attend the same school.	

[3]

TOTAL MARKS = [15]

Now go straight on to PART II, which begins on page 10.



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PART II

USAGE AND READING COMPREHENSION

INSTRUCTIONS:

This section contains **TWO** passages. Read the passages carefully and answer the questions that follow. There is a cloze exercise based on the **first** passage, which is the usage part of the examination.

ALL questions must be answered in complete sentences and in your own words unless otherwise indicated.

All answers must be based on information in the passages.

Special attention should be given to the directions for each question.

PASSAGE I

TICK TOCK FOR TIKTOK

Whether you are sipping your morning hot cocoa, nibbling on some spicy fried wings at noon or hosting a sleepover with friends...**No matter the clock's tick tock, there is always time for TikTok!** TikTok is a social media application, also called a computer software package, which was launched in 2016. Since its introduction, the TikTok application (app) has broken records and has over one billion young
5 (and young at heart) cell phone users, 63% of whom are between the ages of 10 and 29. It has over 1.5 billion downloads globally each day! Each TikTok is a 3-to 60-second-long video which is repeated when finished and allows users to record themselves dancing or goofing around to music or a spoken-word clip. Most likely you have seen advertisements using TikTok teens lip-synching to a tune and jumping around.

TikTok users can spend endless hours experimenting with the app's wide selection of sounds and song snippets, which all come with the option to add special effects and filters. Filters change the
10 appearance of people in a video. There are also options for users to customize and combine videos, including videos taken with their cell phones, along with photos uploaded from the web, emojis and other text superimposed on videos. In addition to these entertaining videos, there are also Do-It-Yourself (DIY) and craft videos that often share valuable information with TikTok users.

The TikTok library of filters and special video effects is like the library of filters in Instagram, which is a free photo and video-sharing app. At the bottom of the screen, TikTok users locate information about the "sound", which is the audio file that accompanies the video. These "sounds" can either be uploaded by users or chosen from a library of popular sounds. This library contains both snippets of songs by professional
15 musicians as well as silly recordings of people talking, which users can watch or sing along with. TikTok users can also "duet" with someone by replying to a video, creating a split-screen and recording countless reactions to the other person. They can even add their own sounds and lip-synch to someone else's video.

What makes TikTok so popular? Well, users can find many funny dramas, informational videos, memes and challenge videos on TikTok. This unique video-creation app has features that are found in most popular social media platforms, all rolled into one! Like YouTube, TikTok consists entirely of videos.
25 Similar to Facebook and Twitter, the chief way to use TikTok is by making your way through a "feed" or a stream of short, amusing posts. Like Netflix, the way to view TikTok videos is by clicking a number of keys, not by creating "friend" or "follower" networks. TikTok is similar to Snapchat and Instagram because it can only be produced on cell phones, which is better for younger users who are more familiar with cell phones than computers. However, creating and posting your own video require a lot of work, as shown in tutorials
30 you can find on YouTube. It can take up to two to three hours to create a video that will definitely get lots of "hearts" emojis, such as the videos made by Charli D'Amelia, who has 122 million followers watching her dance performances.

Whether they enjoy watching the videos or creating their own, millions of TikTok users agree that it is a great way to pass the time away! Its amazing features make TikTok a social media sensation!

Adapted from online articles "TikTok is a unique blend of social media platforms – here's why kids love it" by Kevin Munger and "Why TikTok can be the Future of Youth Marketing" by Emily Brogan Freitas



9. What word is used in the first line of **paragraph 1** to indicate that the lunchtime meal is being enjoyed in a slow manner?

 [1]

10. Explain in your own words the meaning of the following phrase in line 2 of the passage: “...No matter the clock’s tick tock”

 [1]

11. What does the writer mean by “young at heart” in line 5 of the passage?

 [1]

12. (i) Quote **ONE** phrase from between lines 1–14 of the passage which suggests that TikTok users have made the TikTok app extremely popular.

 [1]

- (ii) Then quote a phrase from between lines 1–14 of the passage which suggests that TikTok users spend too much time entertaining themselves with the TikTok app.

 [1]

Total [2]

13. The writer uses an exaggeration when describing in lines 19–21 how TikTok users can create a video in which they “duet” with someone who is in another video. Identify this exaggeration.

 [1]

14. You have created a TikTok video that proves to others that you can walk on your hands for longer than ten seconds, as well as another video that shows you making a tool for cleaning garbage bins easily. Using information from the passage, name the **TWO** types of TikTok videos you have made.

 [2]

15. Find the **SINGLE** word in the passage that has the same or nearly the same meaning as **TWO** of the following lists of words (a–d). The paragraph number has been provided for you. There is also an example.

Example: finished completed; ended; done (paragraph 1)

- (a) _____ short samples; examples; assortments (paragraph 2)
- (b) _____ make personal; modify; adjust in a special way (paragraph 2)
- (c) _____ goes along with; works with; come with (paragraph 3)
- (d) _____ lessons; lectures; demonstrations (paragraph 4) [2]
16. Four examples of social media applications (apps) are listed below in Column A of the table. Using information from the passage, complete the table so that **Column B** tells how **TWO (2)** of these social media apps are similar to the TikTok app.

COLUMN A Types of Social Media Applications	COLUMN B How these Applications Are Similar to TikTok
YouTube	
Netflix	
Facebook	
Snapchat	

[2]

TOTAL MARKS = [12]

USAGE CLOZE EXERCISE

The following sentences are based on information found in lines 1–34 of the passage on page 10. Fill in the blanks in each sentence with a single word so as to complete the sense. The word you use should be made out of a word already used in the passage. The blanks are numbered from 17 to 26.

Tick Tock for TikTok

Whether you are sipping your morning hot cocoa, nibbling on some spicy fried wings at noon or hosting a sleepover with friends...no matter the clock's tick tock, there is always time for TikTok!

TikTok is a social media application, also called a computer software package, which was launched in 2016. Since it has been (17) _____ (line 4), this application (app) has broken records and has over one billion young (and young at heart) cell phone users, 63% of whom are between the ages of 10 and 29. It has over 1.5 billion downloads (18) _____ (line 6) from around the globe! Each TikTok is a 3-to 60-second-long video which allows users to record themselves dancing or goofing around to music or a spoken-word clip. Most likely you have seen advertisements using TikTok teens lip-synching to a tune and jumping around.

TikTok users can experiment (19) _____ (line 9) with the app's wide selection of sounds and song snippets, which all come with the option to add special effects and filters. There are also options for users to customize and add (20) _____ (line 11) of videos, including videos taken with their cell phones, along with photos uploaded from the web, emojis and other text superimposed on videos. In addition to these entertaining videos, there are Do-It-Yourself (DIY) and craft videos that share information with TikTok users about things they most likely will (21) _____ (line 14).

The TikTok library of filters and special video effects is like the library of filters in Instagram, which is a free photo and video-sharing app. The bottom of the screen is the (22) _____ (line 16) where TikTok users can find information about the "sound", which is the audio file that accompanies the video. These "sounds" can either be uploaded by users, who also can make (23) _____ (line 18) from a library of popular sounds. This library is a (24) _____ (line 18) for both snippets of songs by professional musicians as well as silly recordings of people talking, which users can watch or sing along with.

What makes TikTok so popular? Well, users can find many funny dramas, informational videos, memes and challenge videos on TikTok. This unique video-creation app has features found in most popular social media platforms, all rolled into one!...However, one (25) _____ (line 29) for creating and posting your own video is doing a lot of work, as shown in tutorials you can find on YouTube. It can take up to two to three hours to create a video that will definitely get lots of "hearts" emojis, such as the videos made by Charli D'Amelia, who has 122 million followers watching her dance performances.

Whether they enjoy watching the videos or creating their own, millions of TikTok users agree that it is a great way to pass the time away! Its amazing features make TikTok a (26) _____ (line 34) social media app.

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PASSAGE II

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. **ALL** questions must be answered in complete sentences and in your own words unless otherwise indicated.

All answers must be based on information in the passage. Special attention should be given to the directions for each question.

THE LOST, FORGOTTEN OR STOLEN CELL PHONE

I lost my cell phone once, in either Europe or Africa. However, I do not think it was in Asia. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, my family and I often left the landscape of our beloved Bahamaland to see, among other things, the changing colours of the world. Whether by international airline or cruise ship, we have actually travelled to five continents and some of them more than once.

5 My parents and I had been sightseeing in Istanbul, Turkey, on the European side, and had then taken the public ferry, known as a ‘vapor’, across the Strait of Bosphorus to the Asian side. Taking the ‘vapor’ allowed us to see the city from the water at a low price. On the Asian side, we joined half the population of Istanbul strolling along the Strait while engaged in people-watching. We always enjoyed making up fun stories about the people we passed, imagining them in some **peculiar** circumstances. I remember seeing an
10 old couple feeding a stray cat. We made up a whole background of them being in a circus when they were younger; he had been the strong and brave lion tamer and she had been the beautiful and fearless acrobat. It was **hilarious**!

“Did you realize we’ll be on three continents in one day?” I asked Mum and Dad as we sat at the boarding gate in Istanbul, looking through each other’s cell phone photos. We had put our phones on
15 airplane mode because we did not want to use up expensive international data too quickly. Each of us had hundreds of photos! My favorite photo was on Dad’s phone, and showed me sitting in a dolmus, wearing a face-splitting grin and clutching a guitar. A dolmus is a shared bus that operates twenty-four hours every day and only leaves when it is filled with eight passengers who all split the cost for their very own private tour. You can get out whenever you want, which was for us was the marketplace where I had found the guitar.

20 When the boarding call for Entebbe had finally come, I quickly jumped into the boarding line because I wanted to be sure to have an overhead bin to safely **stow** my guitar. I was able to find one just above my seat and breathed a sigh of relief that it was safe from any bruising.

I had gotten my first smart phone in 2018 and had never lost one yet. Temporarily misplaced, yes, but not lost; never lost. Lots of people lose phones, including many of my friends who have lost five or six
25 of them. Now you understand why the insurance you may pay on a smart phone is about the cost of another smart phone. I think it’s because I am a **cheapskate** that I take very good care of my cell phone. I can pinch a penny better than most teenagers. I also knew that my parents would think of me as irresponsible and immature and I did not want to be seen in that light.

30 “Where was the last place you had the phone, Barry?” asked Dad patiently, when he noticed me searching my pockets and bags for it. We were standing near the front of the Visitors Arrival Line in Entebbe International Airport, so we had not officially been admitted to Uganda yet. Dad was used to me misplacing my phone (not losing) and was helping me figure out where I could have mislaid it. Well, it *only* took forty-five minutes and every bit of Mum’s nerves to empty eight pieces of luggage and re-pack them.

35 “The phone is not here in Africa,” I announced in a somewhat exasperated tone. After having shared a limited space with many other passengers, we decided for a more private ride and left the airport in a limousine, with the driver chatting to us in mostly English and a little Swahili. We headed to our rental home and planned the next steps to finding the phone. Those “next steps” lasted for months, long after we had returned to The Bahamas. The “Find My Phone” app does not work when a lost cell phone is in airplane mode. Turkish Airlines took almost a week to check their *Lost and Found* and regretfully informed my
40 parents that they could not locate it. In the meantime, I borrowed a cell phone from Mum. She usually travels with a backup, just in case.

Trying to figure out what happened to my cell phone is an exercise in story-telling or rather, in “story-believing.” Which story do *I want* to believe? The “I’m the victim” story where the phone was pick-
45 pocketed by someone who saw me using it in the airport? The “I’m clumsy story” where I put it in my carry-on bag and it just fell out? The “I’m forgetful” story where I left it on my seat at the Turkish departure gate? Children often tell their parents that a missing item was ‘stolen’ but rarely admit that they lost it. It is painful and embarrassing to lose a possession and harder still to be the one responsible for the loss.

“You were definitely pulling for ‘stolen’ not ‘lost,’” remembers Mom. She’s right. I always lean to



the “It’s Not My Fault” side of the story. “I checked your seat in the waiting room, and you didn’t leave it there,” she added. As always, Mom was being kind, relieving me of the fact that I was still somewhat childishly forgetful. No fifteen year-old likes to believe that he or she is still a child; especially me.

The story I eventually decided to believe was the “Not-Careful-Enough” story. It is probably true. I had not safely secured my phone in the zippered chest pocket of my shirt. If I had done so, that would have excluded both pickpockets and clumsiness. I had come up with a pretty good plan of keeping my phone secured during our travelling, but had failed to carry it out in my rush for overhead bin space to stash my precious guitar.

Two months later, back home in Bimini, I got an alert from the “Find My Phone” app. My lost, forgotten or stolen phone was taken off airplane mode near a university in Istanbul, Turkey. The app wiped the data off the phone then locked it. It turns out that an airport cleaning lady found the phone I had dropped and gave it to her son, who then sold it on eBay and paid for a university class with the money. The local nightclub singer who had bought it thought he had gotten a good deal on a used cell phone, but was highly disappointed to watch it turn into a ‘brick’, absolutely non-functioning, and **irreparable**, when he signed onto the Wi-Fi network while at work.

Technically, I don’t know if a single word in *that* story is true, but I’m having fun believing it.

27. Which **ONE** of the following statements is correct in describing the family’s travels abroad from The Bahamas? Shade the box next to the letter that indicates the correct answer.

A.		They seldom travelled abroad.
B.		They travelled abroad frequently.
C.		They travelled for emergencies.
D.		They travelled to escape The Bahamas.

[1]

28. Based on how it is used in the passage, ‘vapor’ is most likely a word in which language? Shade the box next to the letter that indicates the correct answer.

A.		English
B.		German
C.		Swahili
D.		Turkish

[1]

29. Give **ONE** detail from the **second** paragraph that suggests why a lion tamer is a part of the story the narrator and his parents make up about the elderly couple.

[1]



30. Quote the **four-word phrase** from between lines 1–19 which indicates the narrator’s extreme happiness and then explain why he is so happy.

_____ [2]

31. Explain how details from the passage indicate that the narrator appreciated his guitar more than his cell phone.

_____ [2]

32. Using specific information from the passage and your own words as far as possible, identify **TWO** things that can make it challenging to own a cell phone.

_____ [2]

33. Using the lines provided, explain the meaning of any **THREE** of the following words or phrases as they are used in the passage:

- (a) cheapskate (line 26) _____
- (b) hilarious (line 12) _____
- (c) irreparable (line 62) _____
- (d) peculiar (line 9) _____
- (e) stow (line 21) _____ [3]

34. Complete the table below by providing an adjective that indicates the personality of the narrator’s mother **AND** giving support from the passage for the adjectives that are provided in the table.

ADJECTIVES DESCRIBING THE MOTHER’S PERSONALITY	SUPPORT FROM THE PASSAGE
	Brought along a backup cell phone in case of emergency while on vacation
kind/comforting	
patient	

[2]



35. Pretend that you are one of the parents in the passage, attending a class reunion. Your former classmates ask you about some of the different types of transportation that your family used while on vacation. In your conversation, you should (a) give **THREE** specific types of transportation you used and (b) explain **why** each one was chosen. Base your response on information from the passage and use your own words as far as possible. The first sentence has been provided for you. You do **NOT** have to write anything your former classmate says. Do not use any part of your answer more than once.

Your answer should be paragraphed, using **NO MORE THAN 100** words.

Let me tell you, how we choose to travel is always an important part of our vacations. _____

[illegible]

[9]

TOTAL MARKS = [23]
PAPER TOTAL = 60

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