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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BAHAMAS JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION 2024

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

Wednesday **29 May 2024** 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) Write a letter to a friend explaining a skill you have recently learnt, and how it has benefitted you in at least **THREE** ways.
 - (b) Write a story that is set in an airport and that includes all of the following:
 - an upset ticket agent
 - an argumentative traveller
 - a security guard
 - a much beloved pet
 - (c) *You and your friend recently went on a boat cruise around your island. Describe the cruise, making sure you bring alive the fun you had. Be sure to include sensory details in your description, such as what you saw, smelled, tasted and heard, as well as **ONE** exciting, memorable thing that occurred aboard the cruise boat.
 - (d) Write a persuasive composition in which you discuss the proposal that high school classes should be held on Monday to Saturday. Either give **THREE** reasons why you agree OR **THREE** reasons why you disagree.
 - (e) “I was pushing my trolley down a crowded aisle when I heard a loud humming sound. Then the store went pitch black.”
Continue the story.
 - (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.

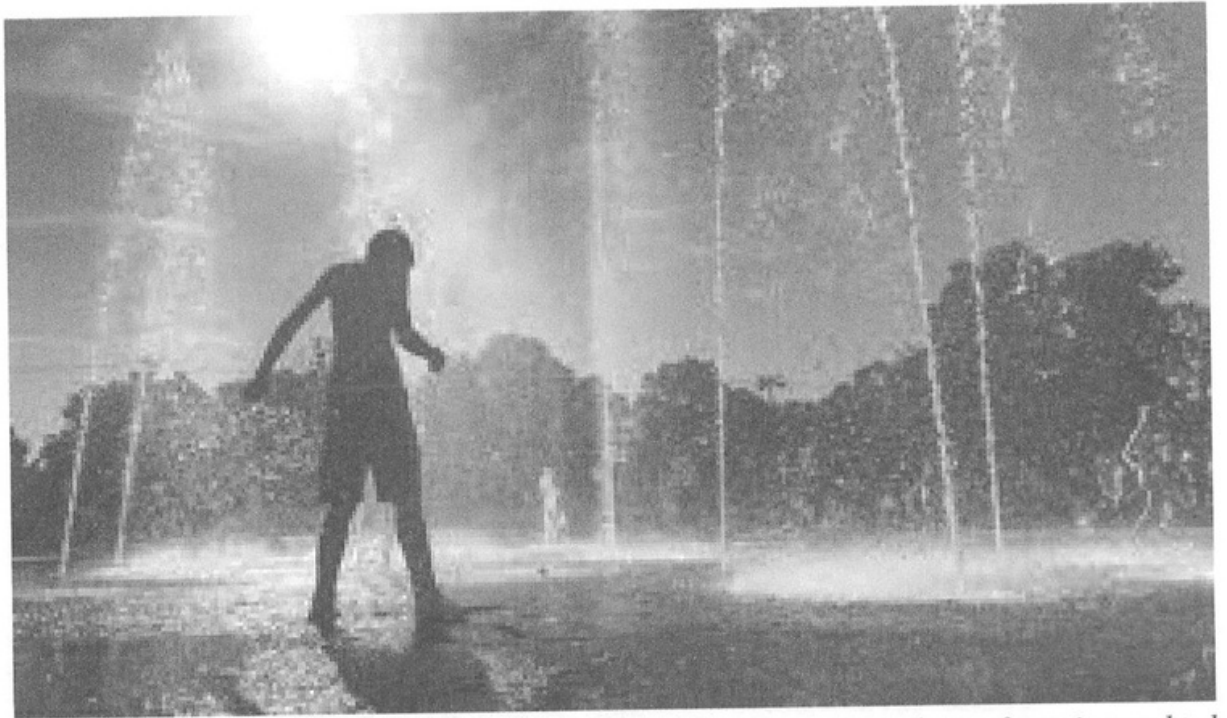


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<https://10best.usatoday.com/destinations/bahamas/nassau/nassau/attractions/carriage-tours>

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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.

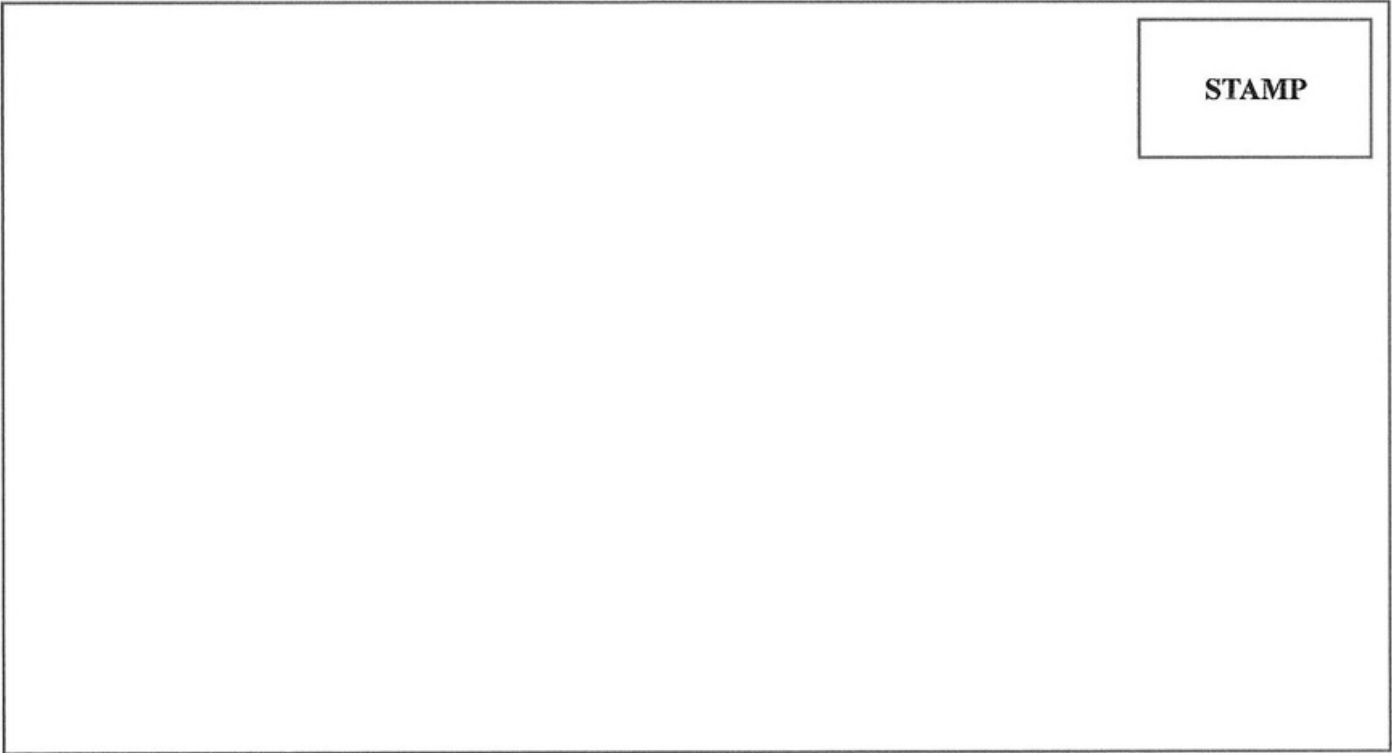
- 2A (a) A representative from a local company presented a generous donation of fifty (50) tablets to your school's Computer Club during a special assembly. As President of the Club, write a letter thanking the company for its support and explain how the tablets will be used.
- (b) A classmate of yours has been named Most Improved Student of the Year. Write a letter congratulating him/her. Remember to state specific reasons why you believe he/she deserves the award. You should also seek to motivate your classmate to continue to do well.
- (c) You would like to interview the Director of the Humane Society to conduct research for a school project. Write a letter to the Manager of the Society, requesting the interview by telephone or in person. Be sure to provide specific reasons why you would like to interview the Director, and request a date and time for the interview, as well as the length of time you would like it to last.
- (d) You recently purchased a cracked conch snack from a popular restaurant and after eating it ended up in a private hospital, suffering from food poisoning. Write a letter of complaint to the Management of the restaurant, explaining what happened and requesting that they quickly and satisfactorily resolve the issue.

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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