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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BAHAMAS JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION 2025

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

Wednesday **28 May 2025** 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)

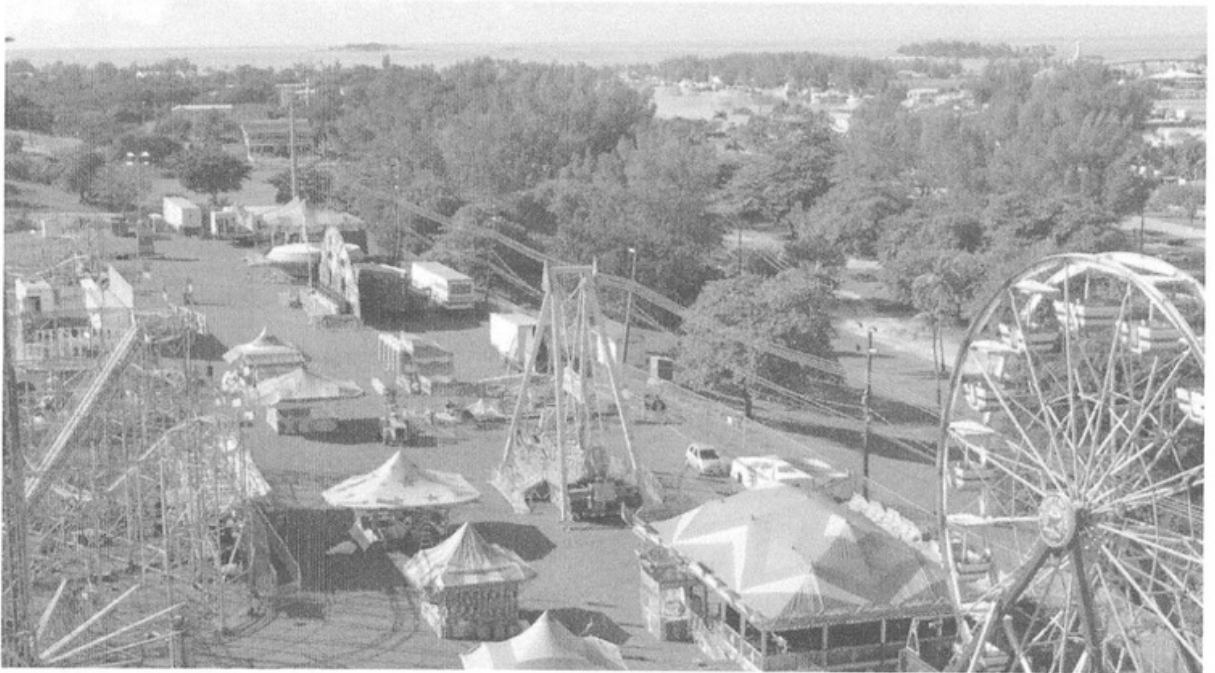
INSTRUCTIONS:

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) The Chase
 - (b) My Childhood Friend. Write a descriptive essay describing a longtime friend, including his/her physical and descriptive character traits. Be sure to describe activities you enjoy doing together and why he/she is your friend.
 - *(c) Your friend has been feeling some stress preparing for end-of-term examinations and has asked you for advice. Write a letter to him/her explaining **THREE** ways to effectively prepare for examinations.
 - (d) Junior high school students should be given a 9p.m. evening curfew. Either give **THREE** reasons why you agree OR **THREE** reasons why you disagree.
 - (e) Write a story which includes **ALL** of the following:
 - a backpack/school bag
 - a sobbing student
 - a security officer
 - (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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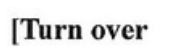
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QUESTION 2

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 school recently received a donation of twenty air conditioning units from the Member of Parliament for that constituency. Write a letter thanking him/her for the generous contribution. Be sure to explain ways the air conditioning units will benefit the students.
- (b) Your church youth group has recently begun a clothing drive to assist the less fortunate children in the community where your church is located. Write a letter to a local children's store requesting donations of clothes and shoes. Be sure to explain who will collect the donations and how they will be distributed.
- (c) There has been a recent rise in bullying-related incidents at your school. Write a letter of invitation to Dr. Carlos Reid, National Security Consultant, inviting him to your school's Anti-Bullying Assembly to speak on this issue, as well as on how to effectively communicate and handle conflict. Be sure to include the date, time, location, and why he was chosen to speak to the student body.
- (d) Your coach has been selected *Head Coach* of Team Bahamas for the CARIFTA Games. Write a letter congratulating him/her on this accomplishment. Be sure to include why he/she deserves this position.

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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