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**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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EXAMINATION 2025**

0069 LITERATURE

**PAPER I (SECTION A: LITERARY APPRECIATION)
(35 Marks)**

Friday **30 May 2025** 10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.
1 hour

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 on the question booklet.

This paper consists of Section A, **LITERARY APPRECIATION**.

Candidates are required to answer **ALL** questions.

Work should be neat and well organised. You should use clear English.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

This paper carries 35% of the total marks for the subject.

All answers must be written in the spaces provided in the booklet.

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



This question paper consists of 6 printed pages and 2 blank pages.

SECTION A:

LITERARY APPRECIATION – 35 Marks

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the following poem at least twice, and then answer **ALL** of the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the poem and, unless otherwise indicated, expressed in your own words.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE: WE ARE REVIVED

Adapted from a poem by *Willissa Nyobi*

Stanza 1

Life is fragile,
time is short-lived-
time is flying;
we take not for granted
our hearts that are beating. 5

Stanza 2

There's air in our lungs,
there's blood in our veins;
a drop of gold
a dash of black
a dollop of aquamarine. 10

Stanza 3

This blood unites us,
this blood makes us one;
this blood identifies us
born and bred Bahamian.

Stanza 4

We're no strangers to struggle, 15
we've sacrificed luxuries;
outlived Hurricane Dorian,
survived a global disease.

Stanza 5

Let us not forget
our dearly beloved, 20
who left us bereaved,
left us brokenhearted,
left us blue.

Stanza 6

Yet life is a gift and
time is a healer; 25
we do not take these for granted
We embrace both – we're believers.

Stanza 7

The joy we feared we had lost
is restored to us
in a celebration of life; 30
We are victorious.

Stanza 8

We know we are precious,
on that we can depend.
This renews us,
refreshes us,
revives us again. 35



1. Underline the phrase that is the best replacement for the word “fragile” in the first line of stanza 1.
 (i) difficult to understand (ii) easily ended or destroyed (iii) strong and everlasting [1]

2. Quote **ONE** small word from stanza 1 that lets you know the speaker feels strongly connected to those who are reading or listening to the poem.

 _____ [1]

3. What is the rhyme scheme of stanza 4 of the poem?

 _____ [1]

4. “...time is short-lived –
 time is flying”
 - (a) What is the figure of speech in the **second** quoted line above (“time is flying”), taken from stanza 1?

 _____ [1]
 - (b) In your own words explain what **both** lines quoted above are saying about time.

 _____ [2]

5. (a) In stanza 2, what do the colours gold, black and aquamarine in the blood symbolise/represent?

 _____ [2]
 - (b) In your own words state how much **non-red** colour has been added to the blood.

 _____ [1]

6. *"this blood unites us,
this blood makes us one;
this blood identifies us
born and bred Bahamians.*

- (a) Literary devices are techniques that a poet uses to bring readers to a better understanding of something. What is the literary device used in the above lines from stanza 3?

_____ [1]

- (b) Explain what the poet wants readers to understand at this point in the poem.

_____ [2]

7. *"Let us not forget
our dearly beloved"*

- (a) Tone refers to a writer's attitude. Underline the word that best describes the poet's tone in the two lines above from stanza 5.

(i) angry (ii) embarrassed (iii) persuasive [1]

- (b) Give the literal and figurative meaning of the word **blue** in line 23 of the poem.

Literal meaning _____ [1]

Figurative meaning _____ [2]



8. *"Yet life is a gift and
time is a healer"*

(a) Using your own words as far as possible, explain the meaning of "**life is a gift**" (stanza 6).

[2]

(b) *"time is a healer"*

What **TWO** things are being compared in the above line from stanza 6 and **how** can these two things be seen as similar?

[2]

- 9 Underline the phrase that best states the theme of the poem.

(i) "Don't Look Back" (ii) "Life is Hopeless" (iii) "Overcoming Life's Struggles" [1]

10. *The poem "A Celebration of Life..." was written in modern-day Bahamas, in the 21st century.* Quote and explain **TWO** lines from the poem that could be used to support this statement.

[4]

Question 11 is on page 6



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