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ENGLISH A

Paper 02 – General Proficiency

2 hours 40 minutes

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. This paper consists of FOUR sections: A, B, C and D.
2. Section A consists of ONE question. You MUST answer this question.
3. Section B consists of ONE question. You MUST answer this question.
4. Section C consists of TWO questions. You MUST answer ONE question from this section. On the **pages** provided in Section C for your response, **circle** the question number you have chosen to answer.
5. Section D consists of ONE question. You MUST answer this question.
6. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.
7. Do NOT write in the margins.
8. You are advised to take some time to read through the paper and plan your answers.
9. If you need to rewrite any answer and there is not enough space to do so on the original page, you must use the extra lined page(s) provided at the back of this booklet. **Remember to draw a line through your original answer.**
10. **If you use the extra page(s) you MUST write the question number clearly in the box provided at the top of the extra page(s) and, where relevant, include the question part beside the answer.**

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SECTION A

(Suggested time: 40 minutes)

You MUST answer this question.

Write your answer on the RULED PAGES provided, pages 6 and 7. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space on page 5 for any notes you may want to make. THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.

1. **Read the following article on celebrity relationships carefully and list FIVE MAIN points discussed, then write a summary of the article in NOT MORE THAN 120 words. If this limit is exceeded, only the first 120 words of your answer will be read and assessed.**

   As far as possible, use your own words. Your summary must be in continuous prose. Your summary MUST include the five points identified AND other relevant points. You may use the space on page 5 to jot down a plan.

   In your answer, you will be assessed on how well you

   (a) identify the main ideas and opinions in the extract
   (b) organize and express these ideas and opinions in your own words
   (c) use appropriate grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

Celebrity Relationships

The need to belong is a natural aspect of human development, forming the building blocks for our relationships, our families and communities. The long-term effect of interaction with these familiar persons allows us to deepen connections, and develop intimate understanding of each other. Such understanding is intimate because we care about, respond to, and understand each other. In time we surround ourselves with a community of people and we manage our connections with these people who share our lives by adopting different roles: partner, child, aunt, neighbour, employer, for instance. We trust them because we have shared experiences; we have reached a point where we know who and what they are, they know us, and we are comfortable in their company.

There is a marked difference between the intimacy described above and the hype of relationships we have with celebrities. The explosion of the Internet and cable TV has created a difference in the way we understand people. We are now exposed to the celebrity in different stages. The difference is that there is no give-and-take or growth in such relationships. The celebrities remain figments of our imagination, beings whose lives seem exciting and glamorous, who awaken our curiosity, feed off the attention we give, and use it as currency to aid in accumulating fame and fortune.

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In the world of 'popular' or 'celebrity' culture, there is no intimate connection. It is essentially a one-way communication, where the focus is lavished on the celebrity. The relationship created with the public is a deliberate strategy, manufactured, marketed and promoted. Celebrity today is about the brand, endorsements and glamorous lifestyles. The public and media interest is crucial, providing the material which the person needs to become a celebrity. Through sustained media focus, we are influenced to care about them, to support them on their way up, and to help them to maintain their positions once they reach the top.

In return the celebrity provides most persons with an escape from their mundane lives and satisfies their curiosity about persons whose lives have been materially changed beyond their imagination. The celebrity has a public image to maintain, an image, which is retouched and photoshopped until it achieves the desired level of perfection, and one that has virtually no bearing on the reality in the world we live in.

Leah Longville, "Celebrity: The New Role Model".
In NEX Generation, No. 4, 2011, pp. 58–65.

Total 25 marks

SECTION A

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SECTION A

Question 1

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LIST OF FIVE MAIN POINTS

You MUST use complete sentences.

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SECTION A

Question 1

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SECTION B

(Suggested time: 30 minutes)

You MUST answer this question.

Write your answer on the RULED PAGES provided, pages 10 and 11. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space on page 9 for any notes you may want to make. THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.

2. Study the situation presented below and then complete the task that follows.

John Mason, a 16-year old, wants to find out what must be done in order to obtain his driver's licence. He called the licensing office many times but was unable to reach anyone. He decides to write an email using the email address he obtained. He must write to Mr Kenneth Davy, Head of the Traffic Department of the Royal St Taba Police Force. He wants the following information:

- The minimum age to acquire a driver's licence
- The tests (theory and practical) which must be taken
- The length of time it takes to get the licence after passing the test
- The days the tests are taken
- The cost of the driver's licence

Write the email using the information given. Make sure to include all the relevant details in the email to ensure that all the information is received.

Your email MUST be in continuous prose.

Your answer will be assessed on how well you

- **format the email**
- **select relevant and complete information**
- **organize and express the information**
- **use appropriate grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.**

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SECTION C

(Suggested time: 45 minutes)

You MUST answer ONE question from this section.

Your answer should be approximately 400 to 450 words in length.

Write your answer on the RULED PAGES provided, pages 14–17. You are expected to write within the word limit. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space on page 13 for any notes you may want to make. THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.

You MUST write in Standard English. However, dialect may be used in conversation.

In your answer, you will be assessed on how well you

(a) use the stimulus provided
(b) develop and organize the content of your writing
(c) use language appropriate to your audience, purpose and content
(d) use appropriate grammar, sentence structure, paragraphs, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

EITHER

SHORT STORY

3. Write a story based on the picture below.



Source: www.danheller.com (2004).

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4. Kate stepped into the room and everyone immediately began to cheer. She knew this was the greatest feeling she would ever experience.

Write a story which includes these sentences. **(25 marks)**

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SECTION D

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You MUST answer this question.

Your answer should be approximately 250 to 300 words in length.

Write your answer on the RULED PAGES provided, pages 19–22. You are expected to write within the word limit. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space below for any notes you may want to make. THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.

You MUST write in Standard English.

In your answer, you will be assessed on

(a) the appropriateness of your content
(b) clarity, organization and development of your argument
(c) correctness of grammar, sentences, paragraphs, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

5. "Parents of children who vandalise schools and other public property must pay heavy fines to the government for their children's actions."

Write an essay giving your views on the statement. **(25marks)**

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3. **Keep it in a safe place until you have received your results.**

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