

PAPER II

SECTION A

CONTINUOUS WRITING

[50 MARKS]

You are required to answer only **one** question from this section. Your answer should not be less than **450** words. All questions carry equal marks. You are advised to spend about **45** minutes on this section.

1. You are the chief speaker in a debate on the topic: *Globalisation is a Threat to Cultural Preservation*. Write your arguments *for* or *against* the motion.
2. Your younger brother has written the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) and needs your advice on a suitable subject combination relevant to his future career. Write a letter suggesting the combination and giving at least **three** reasons for your suggestion.
3. Write an article suitable for publication in a national daily on the effects of flood in some parts of your country and suggest ways of preventing its reoccurrence.
4. Write a story to illustrate the saying: *There is light at the end of the tunnel*.

SECTION B
COMPREHENSION

[20 MARKS]

You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on this section.

5. Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions on it.
Tersoo could not continue with his academic career due to his checkered academic performance in school. His parents concentrated on his elder brother, Joseph, who undeniably, was a genius. Joseph was consistently on top of his class throughout his primary and secondary education, and capped it up with a brilliant performance in the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE). This feat earned him a scholarship to study medicine in one of the renowned universities in the country.

Before his departure to school, a party was organized to celebrate what his father termed "the first of its kind" in the history of Amu Clan. Relatives, friends and well-wishers were invited to felicitate with the family over the academic milestone. A lot of money was lavished to provide his personal effect in school. On the other hand, Tersoo was apprenticed to his maternal uncle to learn tailoring in the next town after secondary education.

In one of his visits to the family house to see his parents (that was about two years ago), Tersoo noticed that Joseph was unusually *furtive*. He would lock himself up in the room almost a whole day without talking to anyone. He tried to draw their father's attention to this strange behavior, but he dismissed any negative implication, saying that he was rather *engrossed* with his academic work.

At work one day, Tersoo got the wind that his brother was expelled from the university, having been found culpable of drug abuse and membership of one of the dreaded cults on campus. The news hit the family like a bombshell! The disappointment that ensued caused their father psychosomatic breakdown. Immediately, he developed high blood pressure (BP) that later degenerated into stroke. Their mother had to liquidate her petty business to offset medical bills.

Joseph disappeared from the house, and Tersoo became the bread-winner of the house. From the little earnings from the shop which his uncle had established for him, he was able to buy food for the family and take care of his father's medical expenses.

This story teaches that parents should not be obsessed with the intellectual well-being of their children at the expense of sound moral training. Academic excellence without *saintliness* is a nullity. The two must go hand in hand to mold a total individual.

- a. Why did Tersoo give up his academic career? (2 marks)
- b. How did Joseph justify his academic process? (2 marks)
- c. How did Joseph's father celebrate his success? (2 marks)
- d. What did Tersoo notice in his brother? (2 marks)
- e. What was their father's reaction when he noticed Joseph's strange behaviour? (2 marks)
- f. Before his departure to school.....
- What grammatical name is given to the expression above? (1 mark)
 - What is its function in the sentence? (2 marks)
- g. Why was Joseph expelled from the university? (1 mark)
- h. In one sentence, explain how Joseph's expulsion affected the family. (2 marks)
- i. Find one word or phrase which is nearest in meaning to, and can replace each of the following words as used in the passage.
- Checkered
 - Virtue
 - Furtive
 - Engrossed
 - Liquidated
 - Saintliness

One mark for each correct answer, i.e. 1 mark $\times$ 6 = 6 marks

SECTION C**SUMMARY****[30 MARKS]**

You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on this section.

6. Read the passage below carefully and answer the question on it.

How you care for your health has much to do with how healthy you are. Consider the elements that can expose you to diseases and how you can put up the best possible defences.

The best thing to do is to protect your water supply from contamination. If you know that your water supply is contaminated or suspect that it is, you can treat the water at home to make it safe. Store portable water in a closed vessel, and dispense it hygienically with or through a tap. Never put your hands into a clean water supply. If possible, you should try to live in a community that properly disposes of human waste, so that it does not contaminate local water sources.

Contaminated fruits and vegetables may look fresh and nutritious. So, get into the habit of thoroughly washing them before eating. Ensure that food utensils, kitchen surfaces and your hands are clean when preparing or serving food. Some foods require cooking at a certain temperature in order to destroy dangerous microbes. Beware of food that is discoloured or has an unpleasant odour or taste. Refrigerate left over food as soon as possible. Avoid preparing food for others when you are suffering from a contagious disease.

Limit contact with disease carrying insects by staying indoors when they are active or by wearing protective clothing such as long sleeves and trousers. Sleep under treated mosquito nets. Eliminate containers of stagnant water where mosquitoes could breed. It is advisable to minimise contact with domestic animals and, if you do, wash your hands after touching them. If you are bitten or scratched, wash the wound thoroughly and seek a doctor's advice.

Do not share personal items such as razors, tooth brushes or towels. Avoid contact with body fluids from animals or other people. It is important not to underestimate the benefits of washing hands thoroughly and frequently because it is perhaps the most effective way you can stop the spread of infection.

In six sentences, one for each, summarise how diseases could be prevented.

Five marks each i.e. 5 x 6 = 30 marks