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SUBJECT ENGLISH A – Paper 02

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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.
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 the role of customs in border security carefully, list FIVE MAIN points discussed, then write a summary of the article in ONE paragraph of NOT MORE THAN 120 words. If the word limit is exceeded, only the first 120 words of your answer will be read and assessed. Remember to include in your summary paragraph the five points you listed.**

**As far as possible, use your own words. Your summary must be in continuous prose.**

**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.**

The destruction of the World Trade Centre in 2001, war in the Middle East, bombings in France and Spain, and the constant threat of terrorism are actions that say the world is no longer safe. The increasing threat has pushed individual governments within the Caribbean into thinking very seriously about physical and financial security. There is also growing awareness of the need for regional cooperation.

The fight against transnational<sup>1</sup> crime such as illegal drugtrafficking, money laundering, arms smuggling and terrorism depends on cooperation and a multinational<sup>2</sup> approach, involving all branches of law enforcement. This is especially true since smugglers use every imaginable way to move illegal drugs through air and sea ports.

Border security is challenging in the current economic and social conditions, especially for countries like those in the Caribbean which rely on the sensitive tourism industry as the main foreign exchange earner. The CARICOM Single Market, for instance, was designed to allow the region's goods, services, people and capital to move throughout the region without restrictions, but there is the risk of undesirable elements using the easy entry for illegal gain. For this reason, a well organized and equipped Customs Department is needed in each territory. Customs and excise officers are the first line of protection for the people of any territory.

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In the Caribbean, an aspect of security often overlooked is revenue collection which is also the responsibility of the Customs Department. Today there are demands to implement and manage new procedures to collect more revenue, and challenge the clever methods of smuggling, fraud, and international terrorism. To meet the demands, training and retraining of customs and other law enforcement in all areas: management, drug detection, and border security is constant and intense.

- <sup>1</sup> transnational – movement across the borders of different countries or agreements between countries
- <sup>2</sup> multinational – involvement of two or more countries

*Adapted from Barbados Customs and Excise Department 100th Anniversary Commemorative Magazine, pp. 7–12.*

**Total 25 marks**

**SECTION A**

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**SECTION A**

**Question 1.**

**You MUST write your points for the summary on this page.**

LIST OF FIVE MAIN POINTS:

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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 answer the question that follows.**

Your Spanish teacher, Ms Leslie Williams, will be away from class the week of September 23–27, 2019. She will be attending a conference in Spain for teachers of modern languages. During that time, another Spanish teacher, Mr Arron Abdool, will be teaching your class. Your class has been assigned readings for that week from the textbook *Vamos Amigos*.

A classmate of yours was absent from school and you wish to inform him or her of this plan. Write your classmate an email providing this information.

**Your answer will be assessed on how well you**

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

**Your email MUST be in continuous prose.**

Make sure to include all the relevant details in the email to your classmate so that he or she will be fully aware of the situation.

**Total 30 marks**

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SECTION B

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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.

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

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.**

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: *Nex Generation*, Vol. 13. *Carib Creative Solutions*, Summer 2014.  
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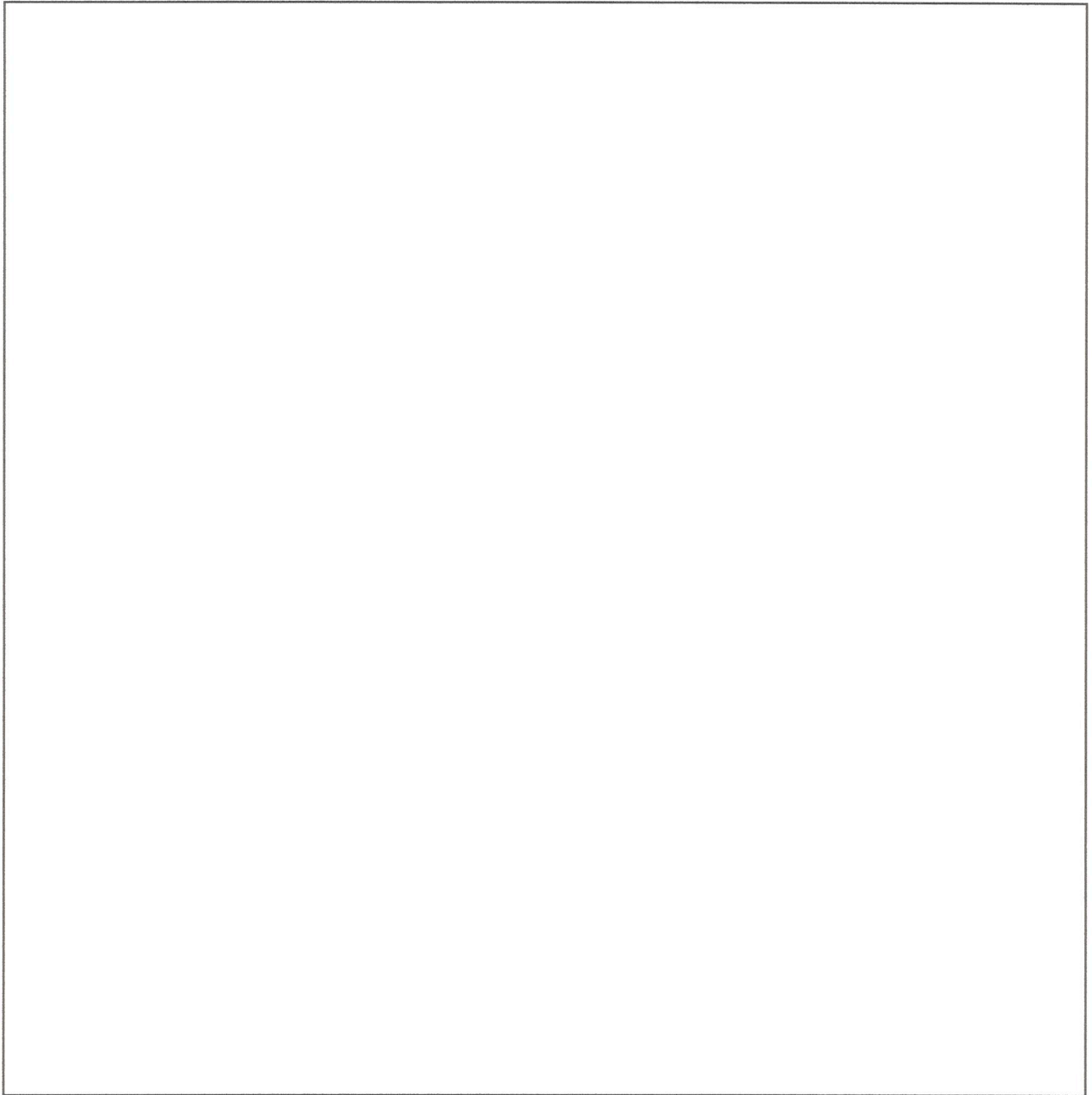
4. “Kodi wondered why his Uncle Brandon had decided to spend his retirement years with him. It did not take him long to find out.”

Write a story which includes these words.

(25 marks)

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**SECTION D**

**(Suggested time: 45 minutes)**

**You MUST answer this question**

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

**You MUST write in Standard English. Write your answer on the RULED PAGES provided, pages 20–24. You are expected to write within the word limit. There may be more space than you need. There is a blank space on page 19 for any notes you may want to make. THIS WILL NOT NOT BE MARKED.**

**In your answer, you will be assessed on**

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

**5. “No student should be expelled from school.”**

Write an essay giving your views on the statement.

**(25 marks)**

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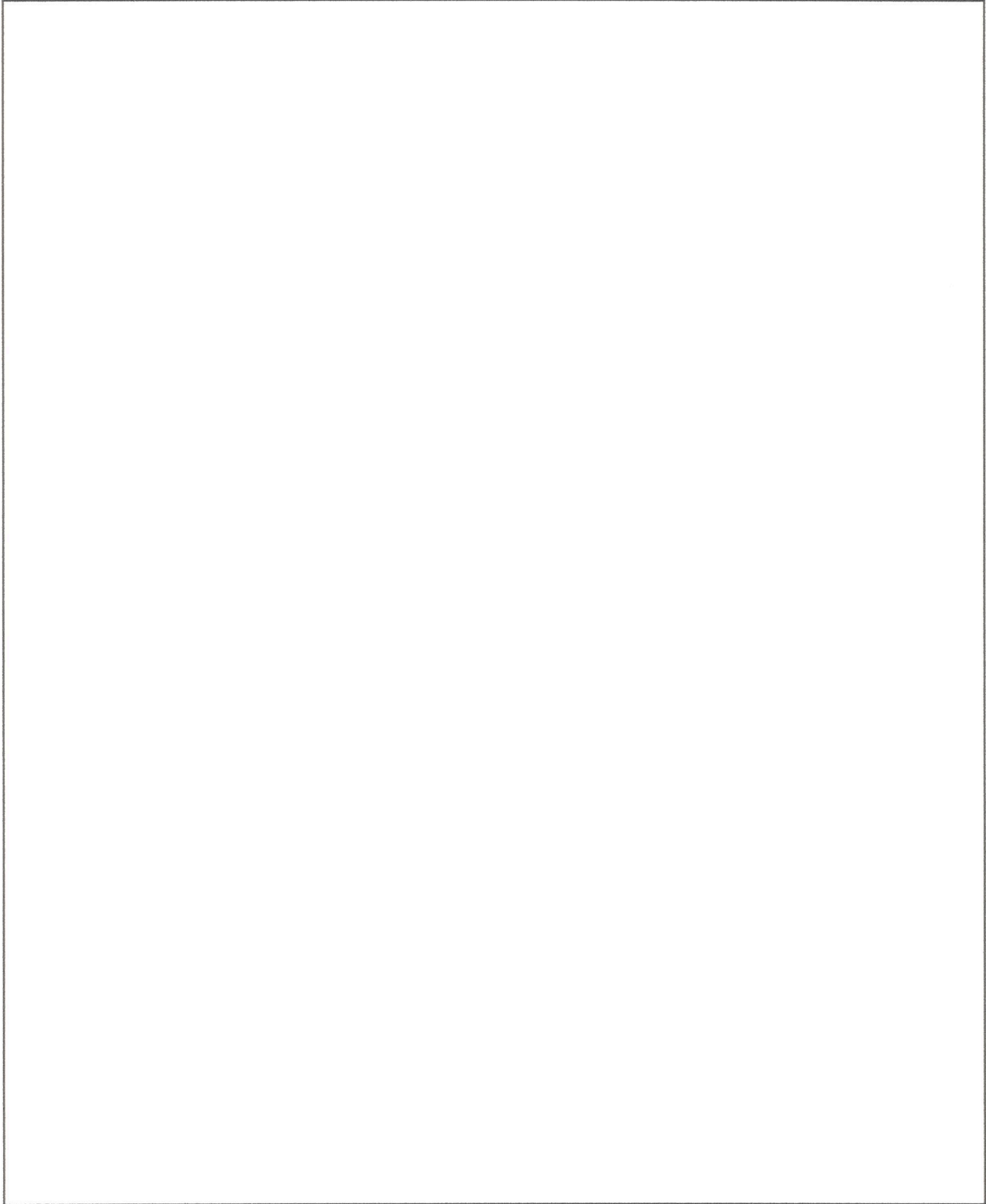
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**SECTION D**

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FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Ensure that this slip is detached by the Supervisor or Invigilator and given to you when you hand in this booklet.**
3. **Keep it in a safe place until you have received your results.**

**INSTRUCTION TO SUPERVISOR/INVIGILATOR:**

Sign the declaration below, detach this slip and hand it to the candidate as his/her receipt for this booklet collected by you.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the candidate's booklet for the examination stated above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor/Invigilator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

