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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 for any notes you may want to make. THIS WILL NOT BE MARKED.

- 1. Read the following article on coconut oil carefully. List FIVE MAIN points discussed, then write a summary of the article in NOT MORE THAN 120 words in ONE paragraph. 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.**

Coconut Oil Redeemed

For several decades, Caribbean people have used coconut oil, a local product, for different purposes including hair dressing and cooking. The oil was refined and turned into cooking oil. Some Caribbean islands, including Trinidad and Tobago, exported the oil to foreign markets.

The 1980s saw the downfall of coconut oil. Studies conducted among people who suffered heart attacks linked cholesterol found in coconut oil with the disease. They claimed that the saturated fats were responsible for the condition. Nutritionists bypassed coconut oil in favour of corn oil and other vegetable oils.

Local edible oil manufacturers were not convinced. They protested that the goal of manufacturers of corn oil was to get a bigger share of the international market for their product. Their protests were not taken seriously. The scientific evidence provided by these international groups gained the attention of consumers. As a result of the research, health conscious communities favoured corn oil and other vegetable oil like soybean and sunflower oil over coconut oil.

After years of testing, there is no conclusive evidence that a higher intake of cholesterol will inevitably increase the incidence of heart attacks. Furthermore, the more recent scientific evidence available has shown that the previous negative labels attached to coconut oil are unfounded. Research conducted on the matter by the Tropical Metabolism Research Unit at the University of the West Indies indicates that by itself no risk of heart disease arises from the use of coconut oil.

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In the Philippines, the positive findings with respect to coconut oil are of significant value. In that country, coconut oil forms a high part of the normal dietary intake, averaging six per cent of calories consumed. However, the rate of cardiovascular disease is much lower than that in the US where the intake of coconut oil is negligible. Further, there is no connection in the Philippines or the US between coconut oil consumption and heart disease.

A return to the normal consumption of coconut oil, instead of the imported products, could revitalize a traditional, rural-based, labour-intensive industry and provide a boost to the economies of the Caribbean. It is a locally produced fat and its reacceptance in the daily dietary regimen of the population could stimulate areas of agriculture which have been sorely neglected during the last decade.

Adapted from the Editorial, Trinidad Guardian, 16 March, 1992, p. 8.

Total 25 marks

SECTION A

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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.

The Road Safety Association (RSA) has expressed concerns about the increase in the number of traffic accidents as yet another accident occurred on Saturday, 2 January 2021 at the Arch Hall junction. The accident which involved a Toyota Corolla, PX 115, and a Suzuki Swift, PB 267, both driven by males occurred at approximately 7:15 a.m. Mr Ryan Lowe, in his Suzuki Swift, stopped at the junction to allow an elderly woman to cross the street. Mr Kevin Brown was driving behind Mr Lowe in his Toyota Corolla and did not realize that Mr Lowe had stopped and so ran into the back of his car. Luckily, Mr Lowe did not hit the elderly woman. However, the rear park lights of his car were broken and the bumper totally damaged. The headlights and front bumper of Mr Brown's car were destroyed.

You were a bystander at the nearby bus stop and witnessed the accident. The insurance agent, Mrs Julia Wright, of Best Way Insurance Company, arrived at the scene of the accident and asked you to write a report for the insurance company.

Write a report of the accident to be sent to Mrs Wright.

Your answer will be assessed on how well you

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

Your report MUST be in continuous prose.

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.

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.



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4. “Sherene took a deep breath, looked at the dark, murky water and slowly lowered her hand into it.”

Write a story which includes the sentence above.

(25 marks)

SECTION C

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SECTION D

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

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You **MUST** write in Standard English.

In your answer, you will be assessed on

- (a) appropriate content
- (b) clarity, organization and the development of your argument
- (c) correctness of grammar, sentence structure, paragraphs, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

5. “All students must study at least one foreign language until the end of their secondary school education.”

Write an essay giving your views on this statement.

(25 marks)

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Question 5

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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: _____
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Date: _____

