

2023 SUPER MOCK ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2

PAPER 2

SC3022

ENGLISH LANGUAGE (CORE) 2

2 hours

Answer **three** questions in all: one question from Section A and all questions in Sections B and C.

SECTION A

ESSAY

[50 marks]

Answer **one** question **only** from this section.

All questions carry equal marks. Your answer should **not** be **less than 450** words.

You are advised to spend about **50 minutes** on this section.

1. You have been elected as the dining hall prefect in your school. Write a letter to your friend in another school telling him at least three things you will do in your tenure of office to help the school.
2. Write an article suitable for publication in your school magazine on the consequences of disobeying school rules and regulations.
3. As the protocol prefect of your school, write a letter to the President of the Old Students Association of your school pointing out at least three challenges in the school and asking for their support to remedy the situation.
4. You are the main speaker in a debate on the topic: **Single sex schools perform better than mixed schools**. Write your argument **for** or **against** the motion.
5. Write a story to illustrate the saying: Not all that glitters is gold.

SECTION B

COMPREHENSION

[20 marks]

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

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it.

In the past, people thought of a library as large collection of books. Many people still think so. Institutions, companies, offices and some individuals keep and maintain libraries.

Today, however, libraries form a vital part of the world's collection of books, modern libraries have a wide variety of other materials that communicate, educate and entertain. These include books, films and internet. Libraries, among other things, serve as store of knowledge that has been collected and kept through the ages.

People from all walks of life use library resources in their works. A large number of people also turn to libraries to satisfy a desire for knowledge or to obtain reading material for their leisure. Development is impossible unless formal education goes hand in hand with reading at one's leisure.

Libraries also play an important part in keeping a society's heritage. Some libraries, too, put up public shows to help people learn more about their own community or the culture of other countries. Moreover, they help teachers to prepare reading lists to add to their classroom work and research. Students also make use of libraries to gather information for assignments in their various subject areas.

Most pupils, unfortunately, forget that while reading story books, they imbibe knowledge about other places, other people and their culture and even some basic facts. This special benefit which people can derive from reading is invaluable.

One other important benefit people derive from reading stories and novels is “a proper sense of acceptable values”. For example, one may learn that respect for time is important to success and that it is a value that is accepted everywhere in the world.

By reading story books and novels, one lives through imagination with different characters and learns a great deal about what they do and what happens to them. One learns and tries to practice such qualities as honesty, truthfulness and fair play. Indeed, there is no substitute for reading.

- a. State the difference between traditional and modern library?
- b. This special benefit ... is invaluable. What does this expression mean?
- c. Apart from reading and research, mention **two** other uses of the library.
- d. What benefits do people derive from reading story books?
- e. Give the meaning of the expression: “people from all walks of life...”
- f. ...*a desire for knowledge*
 - a. What is the grammatical name given to the expression above?
 - b. What is its function?
- g. ...*there is no substitute for reading*. What advice does the writer want to give with this quotation?
- h. For **each** of the following words underlined in the passage, give another word or phrase which means the same and can replace it in the passage.
 - i. vital
 - ii. variety
 - iii. store
 - iv. heritage
 - v. imbibe
 - vi. basic

SECTION C

SUMMARY

[30 marks]

*You are advised to spend about **40 minutes** on this section.*

*Read the following passage **carefully** and answer the questions on it.*

Our children are our heritage. For those who are interested in building family businesses that last for generations, children are a vital link to the next generation. It is crucial that we determine upfront what the vision of our family is and our vision of success. If a family knows where it is going, it will take steps to actualize its vision. If the children are not carried along in the family vision, they may pull down whatever the parents are building. Success without a successor is ultimately failure.

In this age of materialism, it is important for us parents to adopt new methods to update ourselves in training our children, rather than holding on to the same old ways of our own parents. For instance, gone are the days when parents merely admonish their children to get good grades in order to get good jobs. This is no longer enough as most graduates go back home to depend on their parents due to the high rate of unemployment which has hit the country like a deadly virus. As a result of this, it is pertinent to teach our children to be financially independent. A child who has poor money management skills will be reduced to living from hand to mouth and will sometimes fall back on their parents for survival, even if he or she has a good job.

Nowadays, employees can no longer afford to consume all their income and hope to depend on their pension benefits because in the current circumstances, these benefits may not adequately support them in retirement. Even companies that still maintain benefit plans are feeling the heat. It is important therefore that parents teach their children how to save and invest rather than leave their financial future to people they do not know and market forces they cannot control.

In the same vein, children have to be taught how to hold tight their purse no matter how enticing the advertisement of the product may be. Although in practical terms man's wants are unlimited, children who are conscious of their spending, in the long run, become financially stronger than those who spend frivolously.

Parents should not also turn their children into mere consumers by giving them the impression that all they own or work for, will eventually be passed on to them. For example, they should not pamper their children by building houses for them. Taking care of their families or taking up their day to day financial responsibilities. In homes where this has been the case, children have been known to grow up lacking any initiative of their own and contentedly waiting to inherit their parent's wealth and businesses. In many cases, such inherited businesses go to ruin.

Children should be taught how to be financially disciplined because for parents who are struggling financially, supporting adult children becomes a drain on their finance.

- a. In **five** sentences, one for each, summarize what parents should do to make their children financially successful.
- b. In **one** sentence, summarize the consequence which parents who fail in this responsibility have to face.

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