

2024 END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMS – ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2

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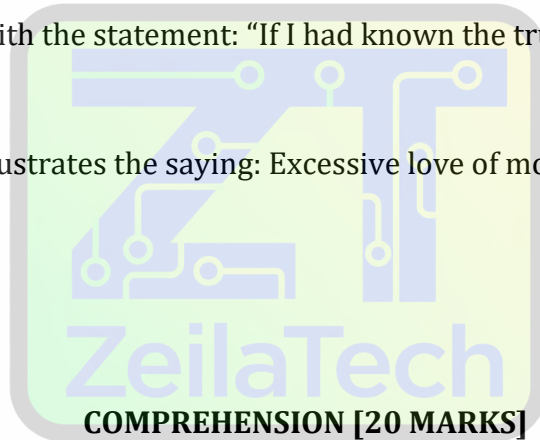
PAPER II

ESSAY

(30 MARKS)

Answer **one** question only from this section. Your answer should not be **less than 250 words**.

1. Your brother or sister living outside the country would like to come back home for a visit. Write a letter to tell him or her three things that the family needs.
2. You have just entered a boarding school. Write a letter to your parents or guardians complaining about the difficulty you have, adjusting to life there.
3. Your school celebrated its 25th anniversary. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about the exciting events that took place.
4. Write a story ending with the statement: "If I had known the truth, I would not have acted the way I did".
5. Write a story which illustrates the saying: Excessive love of money can lead one into danger.



Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions.

Mr. Antwi looked through his window that early morning and was shocked by what he saw, or rather did not see. He rubbed his eyes vigorously in an attempt to clear his blurred sight. But that did not help him. He slumped into his chair totally dejected. He could not find his car where he had parked it the night before.

He found himself in a predicament. It was not that he **particularly** liked the car, but he desperately needed it. How was he to go to work without his car. The route that he was living in was a **secluded** neighbourhood from the city. Very few public vehicles use that route. He remembered very vividly his experiences the previous week and could guess the problems he would face now that he was deprived of his car. That was when he repeatedly failed to give a to Mr. Bediako, the only neighbour who owned a car. He was not a hard-hearted man who wo cherishes **denying a man in distress a favour** but the **deplorable** condition his car was in made him behave that way.

Earlier that week, Mr. Antwi found many faults with the car, most seriously, he could not easily start it, and it was extremely difficult to stop it. One morning, he reluctantly entered the car and tuned the ignition key; the car would not start.

After many attempts, the engine finally coughed and roared to life but the car would not move. When it eventually did, grudgingly, he realized that the brakes would not work efficiently and so he had to drive at a snail's pace to his workplace.

That morning, Mr. Antwi sat behind his table drenched in sweat and was in no mood to tolerate laziness by his employees. When Rose arrived late, he exploded in anger and would not accept any of her excuses. He drove her out of the office to the utter surprise of Rose who was shocked by this extraordinary behaviour of her employer. She returned thirty minutes later only to find her boss drooping in his seat with his head resting on the table.

"Sir, why all this? What can be the cause?" Rose asked her hand on his head. Mr. Antwi raise his head slowly, his eyes very sad. He was clearly in a fix. "Pardon me, Rose," he pleaded "shouldn't have treated you the way I did." "Forget about it, boss. We should be going home now. It's closing time," Rose declared, worried.

"How can I, Rose? My car has broken down and I won't demean myself by again going through the experience I had at the bus stop this morning. I have grown out of that habit."

Questions

1. Give **two** reasons why Mr. Antwi would find it difficult to get to work without his car.
2. Why was it strange that Mr. Antwi did not give Mr Bediako a lift?
3. Why did Mr. Antwi refuse to accept Rose's excuses when she came to work late?
4. What, would you conclude, was the relationship between Mr. Antwi and Rose
5. Quote two words or expressions to indicate Mr. Antwi's mood that day.
6. ...denying a man in distress a favour.....
What is the part of speech of the underlined word in the above expression?
7. ...the engine finally coughed.....
What literary device is used in this expression?
8. For each of the following words or phrases, find another word or phrase which means the same and can replace it in the passage:
 - i) particularly
 - ii) secluded
 - iii) exploded
 - iv) in a fix
 - v) deplorable
 - vi) demean.