

2024 WASSCE SUPER MOCK ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

SECTION A

ESSAY

[50 marks]

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

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

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

1. Write a letter to your friend in another school giving him/her three reasons why your school has been excelling in academic work.
2. Write an article suitable for publication in a national newspaper on the topic: The importance of national sports festivals.
3. The School Hero is an award meant for the student considered to have exhibited exemplary leadership qualities. As the Senior Prefect, write a letter to the head of your school, giving three reasons why your nominee should be given the award.
4. You are the main speaker in a debate on the topic: Students in rural schools have more advantages than those in the urban centres. Write your argument for or against the motion.
5. Write a story ending with the statement: *We apologised to each other and reconciled.*

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SECTION B
COMPREHENSION
[20 marks]

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

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

There is an urgent need now for the law-enforcement agents to enforce strictly environmental laws and regulations in order to preserve and protect the country's fast-dwindling natural resources from further destruction. Until such laws and regulations are made to bite, that is, fully respected and defended, greedy individuals including chainsaw operators and illegal miners would continue to exploit our resources at the expense of all of us, especially our rural folk.

Incidentally, reports indicate that even some traditional chiefs who are supposed to be the custodians of the land and its natural resources are in league with the perpetrators of these criminal activities. But the law is no respecter of persons and so all such illegal operators as well as their collaborators should be apprehended and prosecuted. This must be done without fear or favour, to deter other criminals from flouting environmental laws and regulations. One wonders for how long, we, as a nation can continue to fold our arms and look on helplessly while a few irresponsible individuals deplete our forests and destroy our rivers, lakes and farmlands with impunity. The country's climate is being adversely affected by wanton deforestation which can lead to drought. Our dismal failure to enforce the laws has resulted in the loss of valuable foreign exchange. One recalls that several other nations are thriving simply by making the best of their natural resources. Such countries have maintained buoyant economies as a result of a careful protection of their resources.

It is very obvious that providence has endowed our country with abundant, natural resources such as gold, manganese, etc. and other agricultural produce for export and local consumption such as timber and cocoa. Other significant natural resources will soon be added with the discovery of oil and gas in large quantities.

All these resources constitute great national assets which should improve the economy considerably and go a long way to enhance the living standard of the people. That is why it is a pity that our law-enforcement agents have not lived up to their responsibility by way of putting a stop to the incessant exploitation of these resources.

- a) Mention **two** main groups of people who are destroying the natural resources.
- b) Give **two** reasons why the author wants the stakeholders to act now.
- c) Write **two** adjectives which show the author's condemnation of those who are destroying the natural resources.
- d) What penalty does the author recommend for those who destroy the resources?
- e) Why is the author disappointed in the nation?

f) *...for export and local consumption*

- i) What is the grammatical name given to this expression?
- ii) What is its function?

g) *....the law is no respecter of persons*

What figure of speech is used in the expression above?

h) For each of the following words, find another word or group of words or phrase which means the same as the word or group of words and can replace it in the passage:

- i) to bite,
- ii) collaborators,
- iii) apprehended,
- iv) flouting.
- v) enhance,
- vi) incessant.

SECTION C

SUMMARY

[30 marks]

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

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

Space exploration started more than half a century ago and has brought many benefits with it. No one can deny that it has taken the world of medicine a big step forward in that substances of medicinal value can now be made under specially controlled conditions prevailing only in space

Space exploration has laid bare some of the secrets of the universe. By providing accurate knowledge about the heavenly bodies and the laws which govern them, scientists now know that space is limitless and actually stretches to infinity.

Such precise knowledge has enabled scientists to know the movements of the planets and predict eclipses, partial and total, up to the very day, hour or exact moment of occurrence. This precious knowledge has freed people from the superstitious views they held. And this is a great relief because when such beliefs have gripped people they tend to bring the clock of development backwards and actually bring all progress to a standstill.

In the field of communication, space exploration has done marvellously well for all mankind. Sensitive scientific instruments which can measure great distances with accuracy have been developed. Space exploration has helped to pinpoint the exact positions of oilfields and other mineral deposits for some countries. Needless to say, this has brought a lot of improvement to the financial and economic well-being of these nations. More importantly, space exploration has brought clear understanding of the weather. Scientists are able to make useful predictions to save thousands from natural disasters.

While some people urge scientists on for further space exploration, others condemn it in no uncertain terms. They advance sound reasons to discourage the venture. Space exploration, they assert, is one of the most expensive enterprises imaginable, but of little or no real economic value to anyone. One spaceship costs huge sums of money which can best be used to feed the hungry mouths of the earth's teeming masses. A lot of people do not have access to safe drinking water and some are even plagued by various kinds of diseases. If scientists have not solved worrying earthly problems, why should they spend billions on a venture which mankind does not reap any concrete benefits from?

Apart from the above-stated objections, space exploration is risky beyond measure. On one occasion a crippled spaceship and its human cargo were blown into pieces on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere. There is no denying the fact that space exploration, more than any other pursuit has worsened atmospheric pollution.

Space is, indeed, a vast, endless expanse with bodies of varying sizes which are either too hot or too cold and totally unfavourable for human habitation. Why then should we embark on a venture that does not benefit anyone?

- a) In **three** sentences, one for **each**, state the benefits of space exploration.
- b) In **three** sentences, one for **each**, state the arguments advanced by critics of space exploration.

