

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Directions to Candidates

Answer ALL questions.

You are reminded of the necessity for good English and orderly presentation in your answers.

COMMUNICATION IN WRITING (40 marks)

Answer Question 1 and Question 2

You will be rewarded for orderly and coherent presentation of material, use of an appropriate style and accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar.

1. Write about 250 words on one of the following:

Either (a) The trouble caused by the loss of a small item such as a key, a ticket or a passport.

or (b) A person performs a small act of kindness (e.g. gives a lift in his car; finds and returns a diary which has been mislaid; helps some school-fellow who is having difficulty with some subject). Give an account of the unexpected results of such kindness.

(25 marks)

about 150 words on one of the following: (You must write in
your own words. Do not copy from the book.)

1. Describe the life of a person who has made a great contribution to the world. (You may choose from the list below or from your own knowledge.)

2. Describe a journey to school from your home.

(15 marks)

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.

You should observe carefully the instructions given on the number of words required in answer to questions and should write in all cases.

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COMMUNICATION IN WRITING (40 marks)

Answer Question 1 and Question 2

Do not write in excess of the number of words indicated. Writing at greater length will almost invariably lead to loss of quality and difficulties in completing the paper. Leave yourself time to check your writing carefully.

You will be rewarded for orderly and coherent presentation of material, use of appropriate style and accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar.

1. Write about 150 words on one of the following:

Either (a) The first time you were given a small item such as a key, a ticket or a passport

or (b) A person performs a small act of kindness (e.g. gives a lift in his car; finds and returns a diary which has been mislaid; helps some school-fellow who is having difficulty with some subject). Give an account of the unexpected results of such kindness.

(20 marks)

2. Write about 150 words on one of the following: (You must write in continuous prose. Do not use note form.)

Either (a) Describe for a friend the most interesting experiment you have performed or witnessed.

or (b) Describe a journey to school from your home.

(15 marks)

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3. COMPREHENSION AND DIRECTED WRITING (40 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions (a) to (k) which follow it.

I never met a more interesting man than Mayhew. He was a lawyer in Detroit, an able and successful one. By the time he was thirty-five he had a large and lucrative practice, and he stood on the threshold of a distinguished career. He had an acute brain, an attractive personality and uprightness. There was no reason why he should not become, financially or politically, a power in the land. 5

One evening he was sitting in his club with a group of friends and they were perhaps a little the worse for liquor. One of them had recently come from Italy and he told them of a house on a hill, overlooking the Bay of Naples, with a large and shady garden. He described to them the beauty of the most beautiful island in the Mediterranean. 10

'It sounds fine,' said Mayhew. 'Is that house for sale?'

'Everything is for sale in Italy,' replied his friend. 15

'What, in heaven's name, would you do with a house in Capri?'

'Live in it,' said Mayhew.

He sent for a cable form, wrote it out and despatched it. In a few hours the reply came back. The offer was accepted.

Mayhew was no hypocrite and he made no secret of the fact that he would never have done so wild a thing if he had been sober, but when he was, he did not regret it. He was neither an impulsive nor an emotional man, but a very honest and sincere one. He had made up his mind to do exactly as he had said. He did not care for wealth and he had enough money to live on in Italy. He thought he could do more with life than spend it on settling the trivial quarrels of unimportant people. He had no definite plan. He merely wanted to get away from a life that had given him all it had to offer. I suppose his friends thought him crazy; some must have done all they could to dissuade him. He arranged his affairs, packed his furniture and started. 20 25 30

Capri is a gaunt rock of austere outline, bathed in a deep blue sea; but its vineyards, green and smiling, give it a soft and easy grace. From his windows, which overlooked the bay of Naples, Mayhew saw a hundred places that recalled the Romans and the Greeks. The place began to haunt him. Everything he saw for the first time (for he had never been abroad before) excited his fancy; and in his soul stirred the creative imagination. He was a man of energy. Presently he made up his mind to write a history. For some time he looked about for a subject and at last decided on the second century of the Roman Empire. It was little known and it seemed to offer problems similar to those of our own day. 35 40

He began to collect books and soon he had an immense library. His legal training had taught him to read quickly. He settled down to work. At first he was accustomed to foregather in the evening with the painters, writers and suchlike who met in the tavern near the Piazza, but presently he withdrew himself as his absorption in his studies became more pressing. He was accustomed to bathe in that bland sea and to take long walks among the pleasant vineyards, but little by little, grudging the time, he ceased to do so. 45 50

He worked harder than he had ever worked in Detroit. He would start at noon and work all through the night till five o'clock

when he went to bed. His subject opened out before him, vaster and more significant, and he imagined a work that would put him for ever beside the great historians of the past. As the years went by he was seldom in the ways of men. He could be tempted to come out of his house only by a game of chess or the chance of an argument.

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When he first came to the island he was a big brawny fellow with thick black hair and a black beard and of a powerful physique, but gradually his skin became pale and waxy; he grew thin and frail. Neither illness nor lassitude, however, prevented him from going on with his work. For fourteen years he toiled unremittingly. He made thousands and thousands of notes. He sorted and classified them. He had his subject at his finger ends and at last he was ready to begin. He sat down to write. He died.

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That vast accumulation of knowledge is lost for ever. Vain was that ambition, surely not an ignoble one, to set his name beside those of other distinguished historians. And yet to me his life was a success. The pattern is good and complete. He did what he wanted and he died when the goal was in sight and never knew the bitterness of an end achieved.

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Questions marked with an asterisk (*) should be answered very briefly and in these answers complete sentences are not necessary. Other questions should be answered in complete and correct sentences using your own words when instructed to do so.

- (a) Using your own words as far as possible, give three reasons why Mayhew might have been foolish to have left Detroit.

(3 marks)

- (b) Mayhew had "an acute brain, an attractive personality and uprightness (Lines 4-5). Explain each of these qualities in your own words

(3 marks)

- *(c) What short phrase in his friend's speech indicates surprise at Mayhew's suggestion?

(1 mark)

- *(d) Mayhew was an "honest and sincere" man (Line 23). Quote two phrases which illustrate this fact.

(2 marks)

- (15 marks)

[illegible]

4. ENGLISH USAGE (20 marks)

- (a) Certain words have been omitted from the passage below. Opposite the numbers (1) to (10) following the passage, write down the missing word corresponding to each number in the passage. Do not rewrite the passage.

Last month I decided to visit my aunt who lives in a small village twenty miles ...(1)... my home. The bus is always late so we were not surprised when the eleven o'clock bus did not arrive ...(2)... time but came at twenty minutes ...(3)... eleven.

When the bus started the man behind me knocked ...(4)... my hat ...(5)... the newspaper he was reading and, as I bent down to pick it up, I heard him apologise ...(6)... his clumsiness.

...(7)... the way out of the village, the bus had a puncture as it ...(8)... a corner. This delayed us ...(9)... half an hour, while the driver dealt ...(10)... it. I didn't reach my aunt's house until after one o'clock.

(5 marks)

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| (1) | (6) |
| (2) | (7) |
| (3) | (8) |
| (4) | (9) |
| (5) | (10) |

- (b) The following conversation between Mayhew and a friend is quoted from the passage in question three.

'It sounds fine,' said Mayhew. 'Is that house for sale?'

'Everything is for sale in Italy,' replied his friend.

'Let's send a cable and make an offer for it,' suggested Mayhew.

'What, in heaven's name, would you do with a house on Capri?'

'Live in it,' said Mayhew.

Rewrite this conversation in reported speech.

Begin: Referring to Capri, Mayhew said that it sounded fine

(5 marks)

When he arrived at the corner of Rumbold Street, he turned into this street but before we got to the corner we heard a loud noise and a few seconds later Mr Mwangi came round the corner running at a considerable speed carrying a bag. We apprehended him and relieved him of the bag before escorting him to the police station.

Listed below are the words or expressions underlined in the passage. Against each, write down a less formal word or expression which could be used instead, for example:

observed	-saw.....
proceeding	-
in the direction of	-
appeared	-
be in possession of	-
summoned	-
pursued	-
arrived at	-

at a considerable speed

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apprehended

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relieved him of

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(c) I was on duty at 2:00 hrs on Saturday Feb. 1, 1968. I observed Robert (Walter) [redacted] proceeding along [redacted] in the direction of [redacted] at about 2:15 hrs. He appeared to be in possession of a large black [redacted] I summoned my colleagues and we pursued him along the road. When he arrived at the corner of the 1st Street, he turned into that street but before we got to the corner we heard a loud noise and a few seconds later Mr. [redacted] came round the corner running at a considerable speed carrying a bag. We apprehended him and relieved him of the contents of the bag before escorting him to the police station.

(10 marks)

Read below are the words or expressions underlined in the passage. Against each, write down a less formal word or expression which would be used instead. For example:

observed

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appeared

in possession of

summoned

pursued

relieved of