



Section C: Language

Answer all the exercise that follow. This section contains **20 marks**.

- A) Choose the appropriate preposition from the following list to complete the sentences. Do not use a preposition more than once. Write only your answers. DO NOT COPY the sentences again.**

after during in for until before by within since ago

- a) When Mum called Jason he said he will be home _____ an hour.
- b) _____ the children left the Headmaster handed in their reports.
- c) I know that the programme started ten minutes _____.
- d) The pupil hasn't read a book _____ school started.
- e) The job was done _____ an hour.
- f) The dog's barking could be heard _____ early morning.
- g) _____ mass all mobiles were switched off.
- h) John was already playing _____ the time his friends arrived.
- i) The diver had been diving _____ almost an hour.
- j) His cousin never went swimming just _____ lunch .

B) Choose the correct meaning from the brackets:

- a) 'Staggering' means (jumping, skipping, wobbling from side to side).
- b) 'Boozing' means (drinking, shouting, showing).
- c) 'Mood' carries the same meaning as (reality, state of mind, happiness)
- d) 'Entitled' and (qualified for, named, kept away) mean the same thing.
- e) 'Odd' has the same meaning as (usual, occasional, daily).

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END OF EXAMINATION PAPER

This examination paper consists of THREE sections. Candidates are requested to attempt ALL sections and to read carefully the instructions within each section. All answers are to written on the booklet provided.

Section A: Composition

Choose **one** of the following titles and write a composition about it of about **200 words**. You are requested to pay attention to orthography, phrase and sentence construction as well as to the organisation of the composition. This section contains **40 marks**.

- a) A traffic accident
- b) My favourite actor
- c) A happy occasion
- d) Noise pollution
- e) Lost in the crowd
- f) Sunset

Section B: Comprehension

Read carefully the following extract and then answer all the questions that follow. This section contains 40 marks.

"I am telling you, Ronald," Mary said in a strong voice that Ronald had never heard her use, "we are going to need a bigger place when the baby arrives."

She was right. The small living space at the rear of the marina had been adequate for the two of them, but soon little John would be born and a bigger place was certainly needed. Mary had made no secret of her wishes.

Later that morning Mary's friend Allison drove into the marina parking area and hurried in. It was obvious that she had something important on her mind. Mary and Allison were good friends although Allison was old enough to be Mary's mother.

"Mary, I have exciting news! The Vella's place next to us is for sale!"

"Isn't that the old building next to you?"

"Yes. It needs some maintenance, and at the moment looks a little awful, but it has a good concrete roof and could be made really nice. We wish you could buy it."

"No thanks, that is not what I had in mind. Why are they selling it?"

"Jack, the husband, died and his wife was left there alone. Her son is off to study abroad. He got her out of the place and placed her in a retirement home. The place is at the moment unoccupied."

a) What was the name of Mary's husband? (5 marks)

b) What did Mary tell her husband? (5 marks)

c) What was the good news that Allison came to tell Mary? (5 marks)

d) Why did Allison want Mary to buy the house next to hers? (5 marks)

e) What happened to Jack and where did he live? (5 marks)

f) What did Mary and Ronald intend to name their baby when it is born? (5 marks)

g) Did Mary like the idea of going to live near Allison? (5 marks)

h) Describe the place that Allison wanted Mary to buy. (5 marks)

(40 marks)