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## THREE HOURS

Answer **BOTH** questions in SECTION A and **ONE EACH** from SECTIONS B and C in the SAME Answer Booklet, beginning each section on a new page.

Read all instructions on **BOTH** the question paper and the answer booklet very carefully. Failure to obey these instructions or to number your work as on the question paper will cause you to lose marks.

Any unusual mark, sign or unnecessary disclosure of your identity will be considered as an attempt to cheat and will earn you a penalty.

In the SUMMARY question, use mainly your own words. Indiscriminate copying of portions of the passage as your answer will be penalised.

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

A pre-prepared or memorised composition will be severely sanctioned.

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## SECTION A: SUMMARY AND TEXT RECONSTRUCTION (30 Marks)

### QUESTION 1: SUMMARY (15 marks)

*Read the following text on the social media and using your own words as far as possible, summarize it in not more than two paragraphs of 150 words.*

Social media is a computer-based technology that facilitates sharing of ideas, thoughts and information through the building of virtual networks and communities. By design, social media is internet-based and gives users quick electronic communication of content. Content includes personal information, documents, videos and photos. Users engage with social media via computer, tablet or smartphone via a web-based software or web application, often utilising it for messaging.

Social media originated as a way to interact with friends and family but was later adopted by business which wanted to take advantage of a popular new communication method to reach out to customers. The power of social media is the ability to connect and share information with anyone on earth, or with many people simultaneously.

Globally, there are more than 3 billion social media users. Social media is an ever-changing and ever-evolving web-based platform. According to Pew Research Centre, social media users tend to be younger. Nearly 90% of people between the ages of 18 and 29 use at least one form of social media. Further, these users tend to be better educated and relatively wealthy.

Social media may take the form of a variety of tech-enabled activities. These activities include photo sharing, blogging, social gaming, social networks, video sharing, business networks, virtual worlds, reviews and much more. Even governments and politicians utilize social media to engage constituents and voters.

For individuals, social media is used to keep in touch with friends and extended family. Some people will use various social media applications to network career opportunities, find people across the globe with like interests, and share their thoughts, feelings, insight and emotions. Those who engage in these activities are part of a virtual network.

For businesses, social media is an indispensable tool. Companies use the platform to find and engage with customers, drive sales through advertising and promotion, gauge customer trends, and offer customer service and support.

Social media's role in helping businesses is significant. It facilitates communication with customers, enabling the melding of social interactions on e-commerce sites. Its ability to collect information helps focus on marketing efforts and market research. It helps in promoting products and services, as it enables the distribution of targeted, timely and exclusive sales and coupons to would-be customers. Further, social media can help in building customer relationships through loyalty programmes linked to social media.

While social media has its negative side, many point to the platform and call out negative features, likening its overuse to an addiction. Some contest it contributes to inattentiveness, stress, and jealousy. The National Centre for Biotechnology Information links heavy social media use to depression. Also, many times, social media may be a conduit for misleading information and falsehood.

The 2016 American Presidential Election has well-documented accounts of the impact of the ability to spread information through the platform. Such a phenomena leverages the power of social media, allowing anyone to reach an audience of millions with contents that lack oversight or fact-finding.

*(www. Investopedia .com. Maya E Dollurhide [updated September 6, 2020])*



## QUESTIONS 2: TEXT RECONSTRUCTION (15 marks)

Read the following text and fill the blanks using suitable words of your choice.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

In December 2019, the coronavirus outbreak was (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Wuhan Province of the People's Republic of China. Overtime, it gradually (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to Asia, Europe and Africa, resulting (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the quarantine and death of several people. A few days later, the World Health Organization (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that the coronavirus has gone from an epidemic to a pandemic, with over 170.000 cases in 146 countries, and about 65.000 deaths. Cameroon, like many states in the world, is not (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from this pandemic. From the very first hours of its emergence, the Government (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a prevention and response plan aimed at (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the spread of this pandemic. To date, people have been diagnosed (8) \_\_\_\_\_ this virus in our country and are being (9) \_\_\_\_\_ by specialized services. It should be noted, however, that so far, no local outbreaks of this (10) \_\_\_\_\_ have been (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in Cameroon and the cases (12) \_\_\_\_\_ so far are persons who have recently been abroad or persons who have come in contact with them. However, in the face of what now appears to be a global health (13) \_\_\_\_\_, the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ taken so far deserve to be strengthened (15) \_\_\_\_\_ prevent the spread of this virus in our country.

Turn Over



**SECTION B****COMPOSITION (20 marks)****MARK DISTRIBUTION**

Content and Organisation  
Expression  
Accuracy

(06 marks)

(08 marks)

(06 marks)

Choose ONE topic to write about from the list below. You are advised to write clearly and effectively, to spell and punctuate correctly, and to ensure that your writing is appropriate in style and content to the topic chosen. Avoid obscene language and do not disclose your identity. You should write between 500 and 550 words.

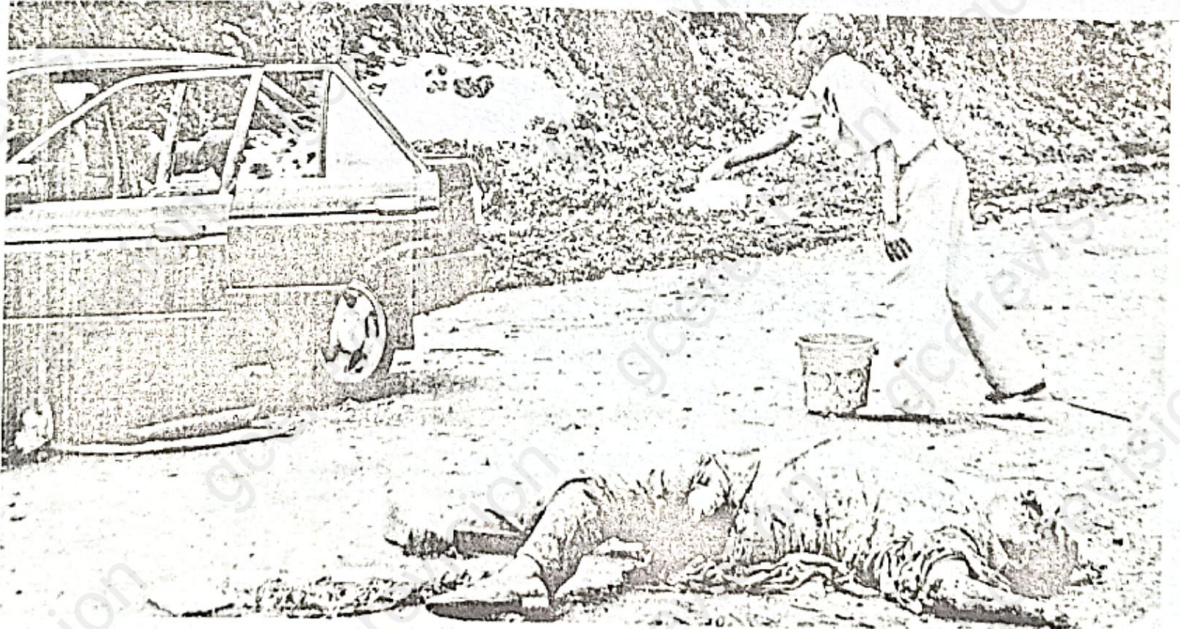
- a) Write a story which illustrates the idiomatic expression, "Curiosity killed the cat."
- b) Climate change
- c) Describe an incident that occurred as a result of a rumour, showing the consequences and bringing out the lessons learned from it.
- d) Life is better in the city than in the countryside. Do you agree?
- e) Say what you consider to be the devastating effects of war on a people and how it can be resolved.
- f) Write a story, a description or other form of composition suggested by one of the following pictures. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or take some central suggestion(s) from it. There must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Picture A



Picture B





## SECTION C

## PRESCRIBED TEXTS (20 Marks)

Answer ONE question only.

1. Read the following extract from Alex La Guma's *A Walk in the Night* and answer the questions below it.

Joe was short and his face had an *ageless* quality about it under the *grime*, like something valuable forgotten in a junk shop. He had the soft brown eyes of a dog, and the smell of a mixture of sweat, slept-in clothes and seaweed. His trousers had *gone at the cuffs* and knees, the rents held together with pins and pieces of string, and so stained and spotted that the original could not have been guessed at. Over the trousers he wore an *ancient* raincoat that reached almost to his ankles, the sleeves torn loose at the shoulders, the body hanging in ribbons, the front pinned together over his filthy vest. His shoes were worn beyond recognition.

Nobody knew where Joe came from, or anything about him. He just seemed to have happened, appearing in the District like a cockroach emerging through a floorboard. Most of the time he wandered around the harbour gathering fish discarded by fishermen and anglers, or along the beaches of the coast, picking limpets and mussels. He had a strange passion for things that came from the sea.

- a. Give the meaning in context of the following words or expressions:
    - (i) ".... *ageless*" (L1) (4 marks)
    - (ii) ".... *grime*" (L1) (4 marks)
    - (iii) ".... *gone at the cuffs*" (L3) (2 marks)
    - (iv) ".... *ancient*" (L5) (4 marks)
  - b. Briefly say what you consider to be the message in the extract. (4 marks)
  - c. Put the last sentence of the passage in the present perfect tense. (2 marks)
  - d. What image of Joe do you cut from the passage? (4 marks)
  - e. How is the idea of poverty as used in this passage illustrated in any two other prescribed texts? (6 marks)
2. Use any three non-Cameroonian prescribed texts to show their relevance to the Cameroonian society.
3. Writers have different impressions about women. Use any three prescribed texts to illustrate this assertion.
4. Write short notes on any three of the following, using any three prescribed texts:
- (i) *Madame Bovary* (senior)
  - (ii) *Montresor*
  - (iii) *Dr Amboh*
  - (iv) *Fon Joseph*
  - (v) *Professor Lindenbrock*

GO BACK AND CHECK YOUR WORK