

CAMEROON GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD

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English Language 2

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ORDINARY LEVEL

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| Subject Title | English Language |
| Paper No. | Paper 2 SECTION A - Directed Writing SECTION B - Composition |
| Subject Code No. | 0530 |

Two hours

Answer BOTH sections in the SAME answer booklet, beginning each section on a new page. Begin with SECTION A.

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

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 Directed Writing question use mainly your own words. Indiscriminate copying of portions of the passage as your answer will earn you no marks.

A preprepared or memorised composition will earn you no marks.

SECTION A

DIRECTED WRITING (30 marks)

MARK DISTRIBUTION:

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| Content | (14 marks) |
| Expression and Accuracy | (12 marks) |
| Slanting | (04 marks) |

You are an Mr. Hesco, Inspector of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance and your ministry is carrying out a campaign against labour malpractices. One of them is work victimization and harassment. Selecting relevant material from the text below, write an article for the press, bringing out the various ways in which people are victimized at their workplaces. Write in a paragraph of not more than 150 words, paying attention to grammar, spelling, punctuation and handwriting.

Peter **was** a victim of workplace bullying. To use another word that is becoming common worldwide, he **was** “mobbed”. Mobbing is a frequent, repeated and systematic harassment especially at workplaces. Sometimes, mobbing is a campaign of psychological terror whose tactics of harassment could range from childish antagonism, character assassination to verbal abuse.

Some victims of harassment are targeted by one person but often, the victim is subjected to the assault of an alliance of colleagues. Hence, the term “mobbing” is appropriate, since it implies that a group is putting an individual under pressure by deliberately annoying and attacking him/her. Perhaps, most astonishing is the fact that in many cases harassment occurs with the complicity of the boss. Quite often, the boss is the sole perpetrator. Victims usually receive a cold shoulder treatment and aggressive behaviour from the boss and other colleagues. Some victims are deliberately overworked or are singled out to do the most unpleasant tasks that no one else wants to perform. Colleagues may even sabotage the victim’s effort to work productively, perhaps by withholding information. In some cases, perpetrators have slashed a victim’s wage or hacked into his/her computer. All these are often described as a “long trying war of nerves”.

Often, the effects of harassment reach far beyond the workplace. Many victims suffer serious health problems as a result of cruel treatment. Depression, sleeping disorders and panic attacks are among the consequences of harassment. In the case of Peter mentioned at the beginning, his self-worth hit rock bottom. In the same token, a woman in Germany was advised by her doctor to seek treatment at a mental- health clinic. Mobbing can also affect one’s marriage or family life. Again, in Germany about 20% of all suicides are as a result of mobbing. Clearly, harassment can turn the work experience into a nightmare.

SECTION B

COMPOSITION (40 marks)

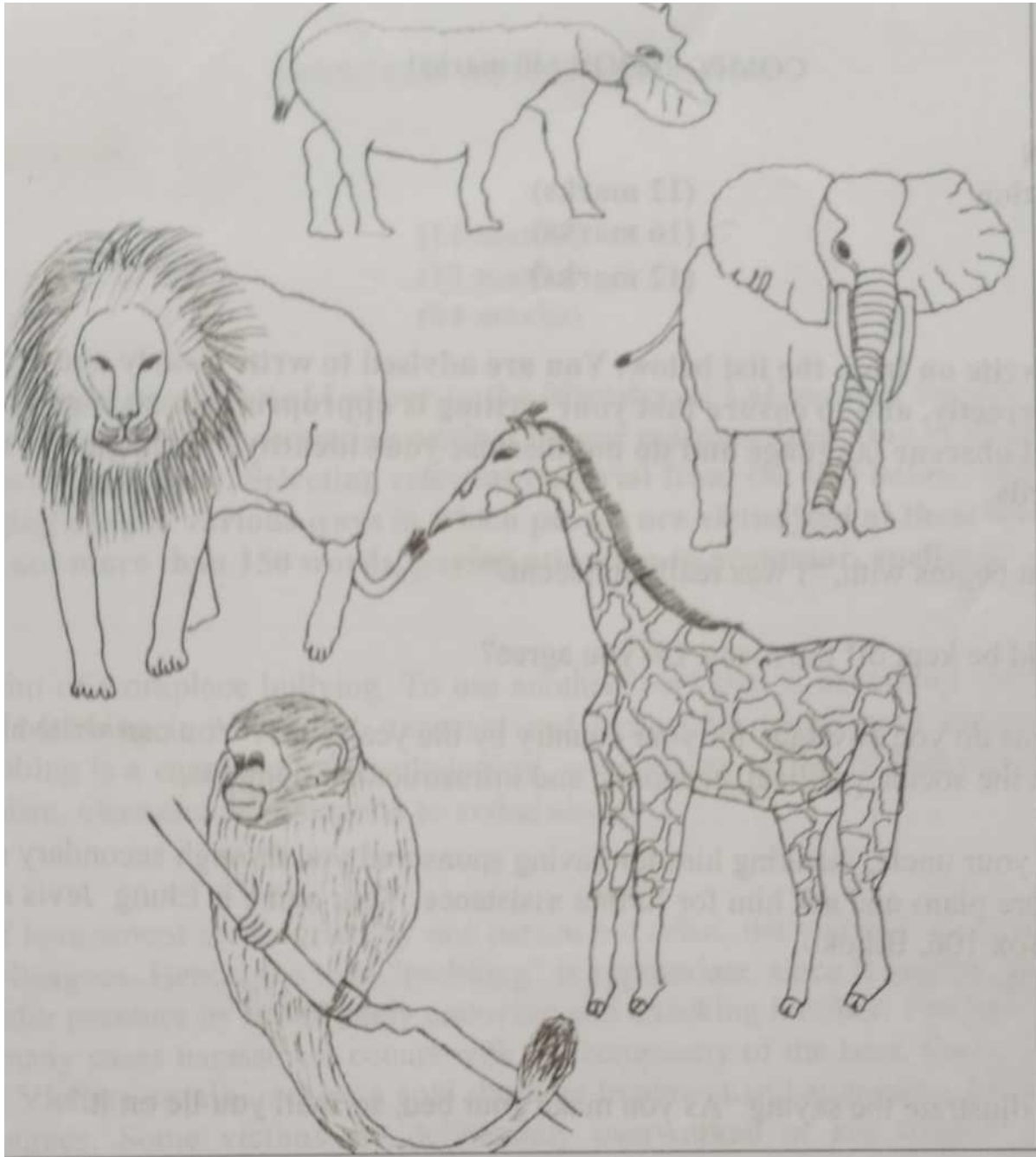
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| Content and Organisation | (12 marks) |
| Expression | (16 marks) |
| Accuracy | (12 marks) |

Choose ONE topic to write on 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 450 - 500 words.

- a) Write a story that begins with, "I was really innocent."
- b) The police should be kept off the roads. Do you agree?
- c) What expectations do you envisage for your country by the year 2035? You can write about developments in the social, political, economic and infrastructural domains.
- d) Write a letter to your uncle, thanking him for having sponsored you through secondary school. Also present your future plans and ask him for further assistance. Your name is Elung Jevis and your address is P.O.Box 106, Bikoko.
- e) Witchcraft.
- f) Write a story to illustrate the saying "As you make your bed, so shall you lie on it."
- g) Describe a family union, explaining the purpose of the meeting and the activities of its members.
- h) Write a story, a description or other form of composition suggested by one of the pictures on the next page. (Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or take some central suggestion(s) from it). There must be some clear connection between the picture and your composition.

PICTURE A



PICTURE B

