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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer ALL questions.

SECTION A

MODULE 1 – GATHERING AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

1. Read the extract from a newspaper article below, then answer the question that follows.

Regional experts are suggesting that while the Caribbean has, so far, been spared the worst effects of a looming, global freshwater shortage, there are several signs that are not the most encouraging.

Viewed on a global scale, the Caribbean region is relatively well endowed with water resources.

However, current predictions indicate that per capita water availability will shrink to half by the year 2025 and, already, several Caribbean countries are experiencing difficulty meeting increased demands.

According to Information Services Director at the Caribbean Environmental Health Institute (CEHI), Herold Gopaul, there are “several important factors we need to look at in order to understand what is the reality of our situation”. He points to “rapid population growth and trends in urbanisation, tourism, rural development, and agricultural and industrial development”.

Driven by programmes of diversification in the face of faltering economies, Caribbean nations have increased investments in the areas of tourism, manufacturing and new areas of agricultural development over recent years.

The increase in water demand that has followed expanded involvement in tourism is also having an impact on urban waste and water quality.

*Caricom Secretariat, “CEHI Leads Water Battle”.
Caricom View, July - September 2002, p. 30.*

You are conducting research on the sustainability of the Caribbean’s water resources, and you have come across the above article.

- (i) In no more than 60 words, summarize the argument put forward in the extract. [5 marks]
- (ii) In no more than 150 words and in point form, write an evaluation that explores whether the information is credible. [15 marks]

Total 20 marks

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SECTION B

MODULE 2 – LANGUAGE AND COMMUNITY

2. Read the excerpt below, then answer the question that follows.

'I wish you would watch your language,' Harris say. 'You don't know it, but there are decent people around you.'

'Yes,' Big City say, 'stop—ing up a good time, Five.'

'Take it easy boys,' Moses say.

'Another thing,' Harris say, drinking the lemonade and forgetting to speak proper English for a minute, 'is when the fete finish and the band playing God Save The Queen, some of you have a habit of walking about as if the fete still going on, and you, Five, the last time you come to one of my dances you was even jocking waist when everybody else was standing at attention. Now it have decent people here tonight, and if you don't get on respectable it will be a bad reflection not only on me but on all the boys, and you know how things hard already in Brit'n. The English people will say we are still uncivilised and don't know how to behave properly. So please boys, do me a favour, and when the band play God Save The Queen, stand up to attention.'

'All right Mr Harris,' Five say, 'anything you want. If you want me to leave right now I will leave.' Then he change his tone. 'Come and have a drink with the boys, man. You haven't had one for the night.'

'You know I don't drink,' Harris say.

'Ah, that is now, but you remember them days in Port of Spain when —'

But Harris went away before Five could finish stirring up the memories, to tell the other boys to remember to stand still when the band playing God Save The Queen.

Samuel Selvon, *The Lonely Londoners*,
Longman, 1956, p.122.

In an essay of no more than 300 words, write an analysis of the above extract taking into consideration:

- (i) Dialectal variation
- (ii) Attitudes to language
- (iii) Communicative behaviours
- (iv) Use of register

Total 20 marks

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SECTION C

MODULE 3 – SPEAKING AND WRITING

3. Read the extract below, then answer the question that follows.

The more than 2000 unwanted pets brought to the Humane Society of Seminole County each year are also offered for adoption. But unlike the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, many are not taken. Sometimes they pace pens for months and even years, suffering from lack of socialization and “kennel craze,” a condition in which animals caged for long periods of time swirl incessantly or lunge at passers-by.

And that, in a nutshell, is what’s wrong with no-kill shelters, say numerous animal-welfare officials and experts interviewed by Reader’s Digest over a six-month period. “These people are blinded by their compassion,” says Dean Humfleet, director of operations at the Orlando Humane Society, which is forced to euthanize about half of the 8200 animals it handles each year.

“We wouldn’t think of throwing people in jail for five years at a time for no good reason. Yet no-kill people do this to animals because they feel it’s better than painlessly ending that animal’s life.”

*J. Todd Foster, “Are these Animal Shelters truly Humane?”
Reader’s Digest, July 2000, p.104.*

In an essay of no more than 250 words discuss

- (i) the writer’s concern in this passage
- (ii) the intended audience
- (iii) the writer’s purpose
- (iv) THREE context(s) in which you would consider this piece appropriate.

Total 20 marks

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