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Subject Title	ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper No / Title	PAPER 2 SECTION A – SUMMARY AND TEXT RECONSTRUCTION SECTION B – COMPOSITION SECTION C – PRESCRIBED TEXTS
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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.

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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 Dollarhide [updated September 6, 2020])



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QUESTION 2: TEXT RECONSTRUCTION (15 marks)

Read the following email received by Levi. Then copy and complete the reconstructed form of the letter that follows by filling the blanks with the correct words or expressions.

Dear Levi,

Sorry! I haven't communicated with you since I got to Europe. I was told the phone I had in Cameroon may not function as soon as I leave the country, so I gave it to my younger sister as a parting gift. I regret having no phone but my sister has promised to get one for me in due course. I also promise that as soon as I get one, we shall communicate on Facebook and WhatsApp; and I'll brief you on every happening here.

I am having a nice time though. I accompany my sister to all the supermarkets to buy groceries for the family and I am attending parties and making new friends.

My school is still to resume but I have visited it twice already and my new friends are helping me to know my way around; getting a bus to school and to various parts of the town, and going shopping. I am also learning to live on pack meals and hamburgers for I've been told that once school starts I'll have to live on "fast food" most of the time.

Can you send me Ako's email address? Please, greet Gerald, Marie and the others. Tell them I'll get in touch with them as soon as possible. I miss you all a lot already.

Love,
Brandon

RECONSTRUCTED FORM

In the letter, Brandon (1) he (2) sorry that he (3) with Levi since he got to Europe. This was because he (4) that the phone he (5) (6) function as soon as he (7) the country, so he gave it to (8) younger sister as a parting gift. He (9) no phone but his elder sister (10) promised to get one for (11) in due course. He also (12) that as soon as (13) one, he (14) communicate on Facebook and WhatsApp and (15) brief (16) on every happening (17).

Brandon (18) Levi that he (19) a nice time. He (20) sister to all the supermarkets to buy groceries for the family and he (21) attending parties and making new friends.

His school (22) still to resume, but he (23) visited it twice already and his new friends (24) helping (25) to know his way around. He (26) also learning to live on pack meals and hamburgers for he (27) that once school (28) he (29) have to live on fast food most of the time.

He (30) greetings to Gerald, Marie and the others and said he would get in touch with them as soon as possible.



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SECTION B

COMPOSITION (20 marks)

MARK DISTRIBUTION:

Content and Organisation	(06 marks)
Expression	(08 marks)
Accuracy	(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) It was the morning before I turned 18. I woke up to find a long limbless object crawling slowly towards the foot of my bed... Continue the story.
- (b) If you were the president of your country, what would you do to stop the mass exodus of trained personnel and youths to foreign countries?
- (c) Flowers.
- (d) National holidays in Cameroon.
- (e) Girls should be heiresses. Do you agree?
- (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.

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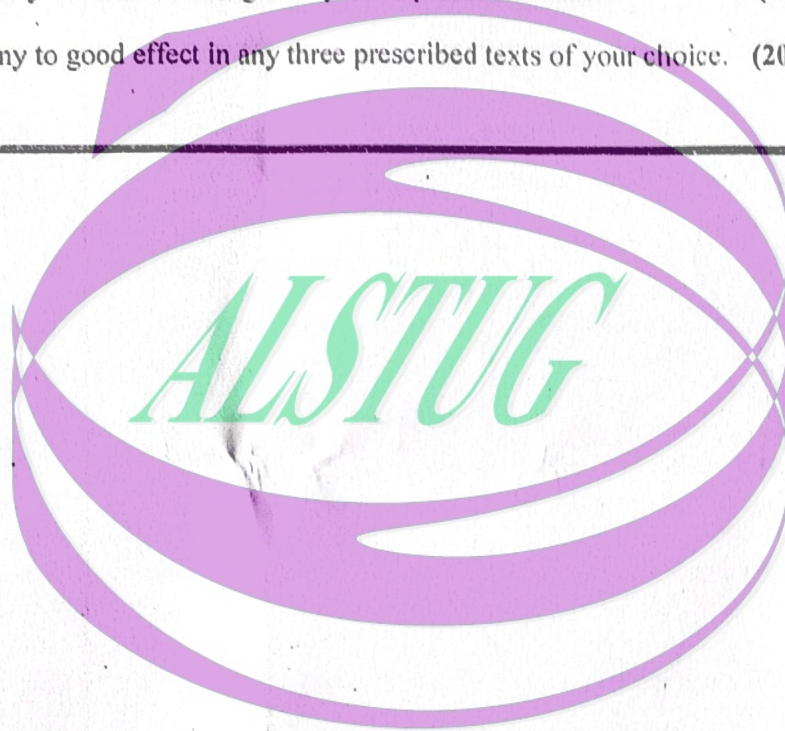
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SECTION C

PRESCRIBED TEXT (20 Marks)

Answer ONE question only.

1. In works of arts, writers do not only point to the negative side of life but paint a positive picture of the society. Illustrate this statement using any three prescribed texts. (20 marks)
2. One of the main intentions of writers is to reform their society of its many ills. Use any three texts from the prescribed texts to justify this assertion. (20 marks)
3. How is setting important to your understanding of any three prescribed texts? (20 marks)
4. Show how writers use irony to good effect in any three prescribed texts of your choice. (20 marks)



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