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SECTION	MARKS
FORMAL LETTER	
ESSAY	
TOTAL	

SCHOOL No.	CANDIDATE No.
INITIALS	SURNAME

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BAHAMAS JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION 2023

0042 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER I (WRITING SKILLS) (40 Marks)

Friday **26 May 2023** 9:00 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Write your school number, candidate number, surname and initials in the spaces provided at the top of this booklet.

You must answer both questions – Question 1 and Question 2. For Question 1, write a composition based on **ONE** of the topics overleaf.

You should write approximately 300 words.

For Question 2, write **ONE** of the letters listed in that section. The body of the letter should contain approximately 100 words.

You should pay attention to punctuation, spelling and handwriting.

At the beginning of your composition and letter, write the number of the topic you have chosen.

Your answers must be written in the spaces provided in this booklet.



This question paper consists of **10** printed pages and **2** blank pages.

Candidates are advised to read very carefully the instructions given. Marks will be awarded for the orderly presentation of material. Candidates who neglect this essential will be penalised.

QUESTION 1 – COMPOSITION (30 MARKS)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer this question on the lined paper included in this booklet. An outline or plan must be written *before* you begin your composition.

1. Your composition should contain approximately 300 words. Write at least three well developed paragraphs on **ONE** of the following topics. The letter topic (indicated by an asterisk*) will require a heading, salutation and appropriate closing.
 - *(a) “Students learn better in a virtual/online classroom.” Do you agree **OR** disagree with this statement? Write a letter to a friend or relative explaining at least **THREE** different reasons why you agree or disagree.
 - (b) Write a story that is set in a hospital and that includes all of the following:
 - a gift
 - a grouchy receptionist
 - a wheelchair
 - an elderly man or woman
 - (c) Write a composition describing a well-known entertainer or another famous individual who is one of your role models. Be sure to provide a description of his/her appearance and personality traits, and explain why you admire this person.
 - (d) Your principal has asked students to write a composition in which they discuss **THREE** new school rules that they think should be put into practice. Write a persuasive essay in which you attempt to convince readers to accept your reason/s for supporting each rule that you discuss.
 - (e) Write a story called *My Neighbour to the Rescue*.
 - (f) Study the photographs on pages 3 and 4 carefully and use **ONE** of them to write a composition of your own. The composition may be narrative, descriptive, expository or argumentative/persuasive. There must be a clear connection between the photograph and the composition.



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Teen Tattoos: Things to Consider Before Getting Inked (yourteenmag.com)





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