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SECTION	MARKS
FORMAL LETTER	
ESSAY	
TOTAL	

SCHOOL No.	CANDIDATE No.
INITIALS	SURNAME

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
BAHAMAS JUNIOR CERTIFICATE  
EXAMINATION 2016**

**0042 ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER I (WRITING SKILLS)  
(40 Marks)**

Monday **30 May 2016** 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.



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.

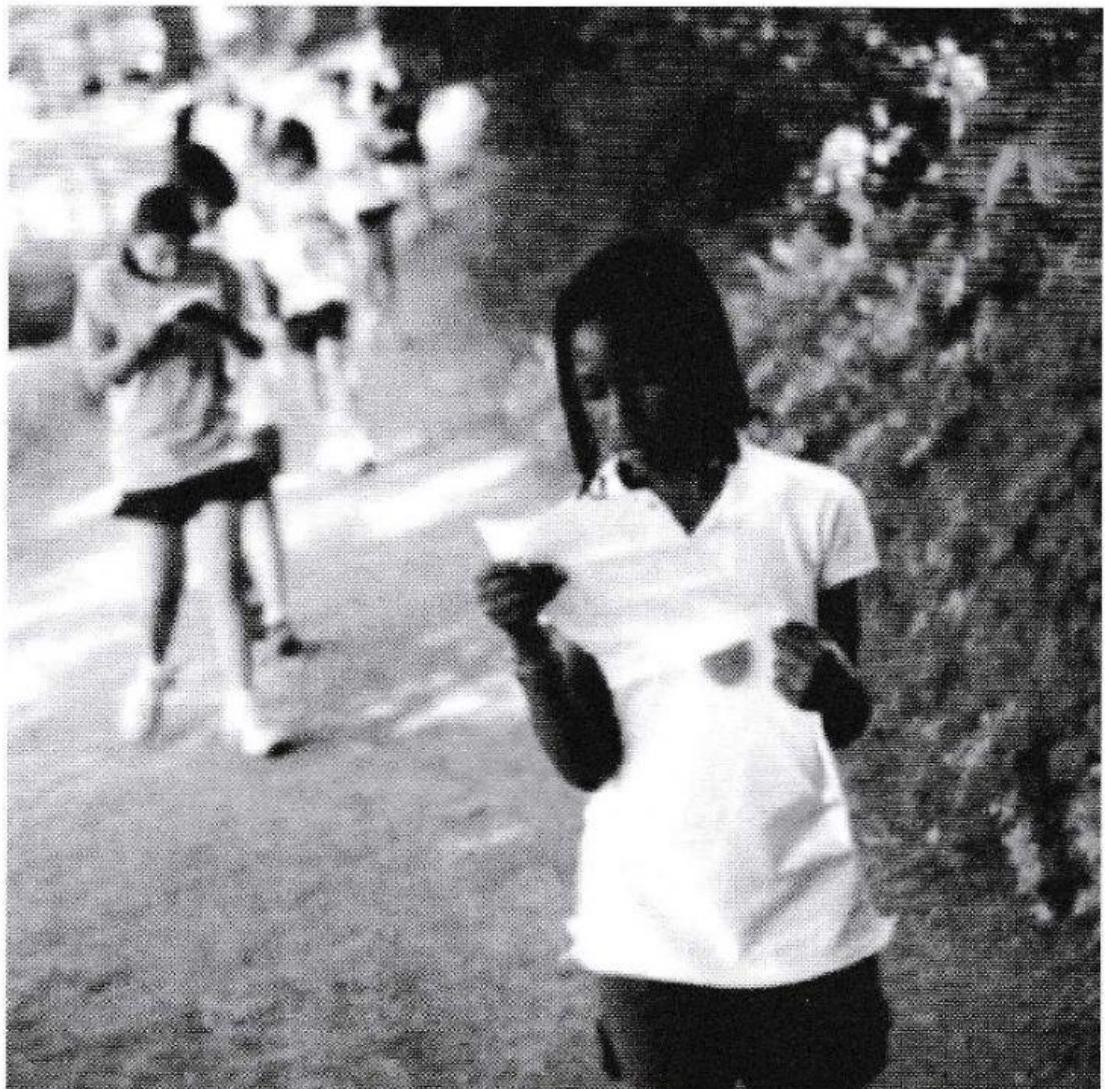
1. Your composition should contain approximately 300 words. Write at least three well developed paragraphs on **ONE** of the following topics. The letter topic (indicated by an asterisk\*) will require a heading, salutation and appropriate closing.
  - (a) *It was a nightmare unlike any I had ever had.* Tell what happened in this unusual nightmare.
  - \*(b) Your friend is always in trouble and being sent to the office at school for disrespectful behaviour. Write a letter to your friend in which you explain the importance of being mannerly and respectful at home, at school and in the community.
  - (c) Describe a birthday party that you attended. Be sure to include a description of the activities, sights, sounds and any other sensory details that appealed to you.
  - (d) *As I stood at the kitchen sink washing the evening's dishes, I noticed through the window what seemed to be a homeless man in tattered clothing standing beneath the streetlight across from my home.....* Continue the story.
  - (e) Some schools have stopped allowing off-campus field trips for students because they believe that they are of no educational value. Do you agree or disagree with this opinion? Support your view with at least **THREE** well developed reasons.
  - (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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**QUESTION 2****FORMAL LETTER-WRITING (10 MARKS)****INSTRUCTIONS:**

Write **ONE** of the following letters. The body of the letter should contain approximately 100 words. Please begin your letter on a new page – on page 9.

2A (a) You want to apply for a summer job at a store in your community. Write a letter to the General Manager explaining why you should be hired. Be sure to include the desired position and preferred hours.

(b) You belong to a house at school which recently won an Inter-House Sports Competition in Track and Field. All house members were treated to a party by the teacher who is the house captain. Write a letter to this House Captain, thanking him or her for sponsoring the party and saying why it was appreciated.

(c) You recently purchased a watch from a store in your local community. However, after a few days it stopped working. Write a letter to the Manager of the store, explaining the inconvenience caused. Request that he or she settle the matter in a satisfactory way.

(d) Your school has won the award for the best B.J.C. results in the district for the year 2015. Write a letter to the Principal of the school congratulating him or her on this outstanding achievement. Be sure to include at least **TWO** activities the school put into place that contributed to this success.

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There is an envelope on page 10. Address it correctly *after* you have written the letter.



2B Address this envelope correctly to correspond with the letter you have written. If you make a mistake addressing the envelope, draw a line through it and draw another envelope in any remaining space in this booklet.

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