

QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

- (a) The following paragraph contains errors in subject-verb agreement. Locate the sentences with errors, and rewrite using the verb forms that agree with the subjects. Underline the areas where you have made corrections.

Popular Music

Many people in the cities of Los Angeles, Miami and New York enjoys several kinds of popular music. While a family in Brooklyn listen to reggae music together, a family in Miami enjoy meringue. Many a music lover, whether young or old, like jazz and blues. Many Americans as well as people from around the world dances to the brassy music known as Salsa. The syncopated rhythms of calypso music is popular among people who like steel drum. Very popular in some communities is Mexican folk songs called *rancheras*. From the recording studio come one new popular hit after another. Usually, thousands of dollars are the sum needed to record a new song. In many American cities, neither the Motown tunes of the 1960s nor rock-and-roll have gone out of style. Ask whether your family or friends enjoy a special kind of music.

(Lester et al. 2001)

[10 MARKS]

- (b) Explain why each of these sentences is correct in terms of sentence agreement.

- (i) Every assignment and test requires a bit of seriousness from the students. [3]
- (ii) Many a woman, child, elderly experiences abuse. [3 marks]
- (iii) Either the children or the nanny goes to the shops. [3 marks]
- (iv) Either the bride or her sisters prepare the first meal for the groom's family. [3]
- (v) Everybody likes chocolate cake. [3 marks]
- (vi) Most of the pizza was served to the guests. [3 marks]
- (vii) Siphon and Jabu are writing a test. [2 marks]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Correct the punctuation of the following sentences, and then write "declarative", "imperative", "interrogative" or "exclamatory" to identify each.

- (i) have you been to the Victoria Falls [3 marks]
- (ii) what an awesome sight they are [3 marks]

(iii) the Victoria falls mark the exit point for the Victoria lakes that borders a number of countries in the central and southern Africa region [3 marks]

(iv) when do you plan to visit Zimbabwe so that you visit this wonderful place [3]

(v) don't miss a trip to the largest lakes of Africa [3 marks]

(b) Change the sentences below into exclamations. Use: what, what a, how and an exclamation mark.

(i) It's a beautiful day. [3 marks]

(ii) He is a good-looking boy. [3 marks]

(iii) Our King plays golf well. [3 marks]

(iv) They speak English fluently. [3 marks]

(v) The girl is tall. [3 marks]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

Read the passage below, and answer the questions that follow.

Life would be Better without Newspapers

'No news is good news', but this does not mean that life would be better without newspapers, and it could be much worse. Newspapers are often a harmless form of entertainment. Indeed, the most popular are designed to amuse rather than to inform, despite their name, and titillating stories about the adventures and love lives of famous people, and reports on sport, crime and death are given more space than summit meetings. Some people might claim that this emphasis is unwholesome but 'Glad tidings of joy' is not a formula for selling newspapers. In fact, newspapers which report only successful events and good lives soon fail. Most people buy newspapers to read about the latest disaster, and to be entertained by human interest stories, horoscopes, jokes, cartoons and crossword puzzles. For millions of people life would be far less interesting without newspapers.

Newspapers are important, however, because some of them provide information about current events in a manner which is not possible on radio or television. Radio news must be listened to at fixed times, but newspapers (with photographs, maps and diagrams to help understanding) can be studied whenever it is convenient. Moreover, whereas a reader can go back and check on a difficult point, this cannot be done while following a radio broadcast for the listener has no control over the medium. Furthermore, most of us are not able to remember lots of detail, so radio reports usually treat a few important events briefly and as simply as possible. Television news has similar limitations. Even though video film has made watching news on television a more vivid experience than listening to reports on radio or reading articles in the newspapers, the choice of items is heavily influenced by the events which can be filmed and have been filmed. Television news tends to be sensational, for it treats the most visually dramatic events of the day. In contrast, newspapers have the space to deal with many stories, and each one can be treated in considerable depth.

Bevan (1993: 86)

- (a) Write five different conjunctions and five different Prepositional Phrases the author has used in the passage. [10 marks]
- (b) State the type of each conjunction you have given in (a) above. [5 marks]
- (c) Explain how each conjunction has been used; whether it is joining words or phrases or clauses. If it is joining clauses, state the types of clauses being joined. [10 marks]
- (d) Explain how each Prepositional Phrase has been used. Has it been used as an adjunct, disjunct or conjunct? [5 marks]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

- (a) Indicate whether the italicized clause is a dependent clause or an independent clause.
 - (i) *Dorian Grey, who was quite wealthy, did not work.* [2 marks]
 - (ii) One morning, as dawn was breaking, he passed through the library, *where his portrait hung.* [2 marks]

- (iii) *That night he had rejected the actress, whom he had been wooing enthusiastically for a period of several months.* [2 marks]
- (iv) *When he looked at his portrait, Dorian detected a hint of cruelty around the mouth.*
- (v) *Then he remembered what he had said to the painter about remaining young and handsome despite the passage of time.* [2 marks]

(b) State whether the each of the sentences below is a simple sentence, complex sentence, compound sentence or complex compound sentence. Support your answer by identifying the number of clauses that make up each sentence as well as the type of each clause.

- (i) I was very happy when the student passed because she was very ill when she wrote the examination. [5 marks]
- (ii) If travelers wish to cross our country, they may do so by train, but the trip will have to last less than a day. [5 marks]
- (iii) Sun, wind and water are renewable energy sources, and they do not cause pollution. [5 marks]
- (iv) Energy sources have been classified as renewable and non-renewable; a renewable energy source can never be depleted. [5 marks]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]