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**TITLE OF PAPER:**           **ADVANCED COMPOSITION, READING AND TEXTUALITY**

**COURSE CODE:**           **ENG401 & IDE-ENG401**

**TIME ALLOWED:**         **TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**         **1. THIS PAPER HAS FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**

**2. QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY, AND IT IS WORTH 30 MARKS**

**3. CHOOSE ONE OTHER QUESTION FROM 2 TO 4. EACH QUESTION IS**  
                                      **WORTH 20 MARKS.**

**4. NEATNESS, APPROPRIATE USE OF ENGLISH ARE REQUIRED.**

**5. WRITE YOUR PROGRAMME, AND CLEARLY INDICATE WHETHER YOU ARE**  
                                      **IN IDE OR FULL TIME ON YOUR ANSWER SCRIPT**

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### **What's the fuss about extra?**

Just a little effort is a huge narrative. It could mean a step up. It could mean an extra income. You could acquire a degree. You could educate a nation. You could transform lives and the economic landscape. It could mean adopting a healthier and fitter lifestyle. At the risk of sounding cliché, your attitude does determine your altitude.

We should let our thinking as young adults and adults be transformed by that little 'extra'. Extra should push and elevate our culture of doing things. Extra means more! The more you practise something, the more you excel, and execute it with comfort and speed. Extra can make us change and sustain our minds.

### **Dynamite power resides in extra**

Our youth of today justify their belief grounded in entitlement because some are comfortable and don't want to be pushed to do extra. An extra mile is a phenomenal way of thinking. The reality is that it is not in the chanting and raising of our voices and fists (or spears), but in the persistent striving to go further, do more and be elevated by our relentless quest to be a better version than we were yesterday.

Yesterday's solutions are simply falling short when it comes to tackling today's problems. We need thought leaders who will apply their minds to where masses have failed to reach. We – yes, you and me – can be the small burst of dynamite that can release unmatched power, when sparked by the principle of extra.

Extra means answering the phone at work - even if it is five minutes before closing time. Extra means being where you said you would be, even when no one is watching. Rather than doing the task, extra means being faithful, uplifting and selfishly protecting trust, and becoming better and better at it.

Extra starts small. It is not demanded, but earned. It also means being cognisant of where you come from and striving to make a difference in the community. For me, it means changing women's lives. What are we going to do about extra? My question for you as we journey through this issue together is, are you a hill seeker? Someone who is not afraid to be a change agent and tackle the challenges head-on?

Let's keep moving forward. Let us keep on doing more than is required of us. Let us embrace the 'extra' to become extraordinary!

*(Article written by Nawaal M. at Kwentamedia.com extracted from Clicks Magazine, December, 2016)*