

English Language 2

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Subject Title	English Language
Paper No.	Paper 2
	SECTION A – Directed Writing
	SECTION B – Composition
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Two hours.

Answer BOTH sections in the same answer booklet, beginning each section on a new page. Begin with SECTION A.

You are reminded of the necessity for good English and orderly presentation in your answers.

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 Directed Writing question use mainly your own words. Indiscriminate copying of portions of the passage as your answer will earn you no marks.

A prepared or memorised composition will earn you no marks.

SECTION A

DIRECTED WRITING (30 marks)

MARK DISTRIBUTION:

Content	(14 marks)
Expression and Accuracy	(12 marks)
Slanting	(04 marks)

You are a director in the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and the Family. Peace Corps Volunteer Workers from the U.S.A. have just arrived in Cameroon to serve in different capacities in the public and private sectors. Most of them are women and they are scared because they have heard that two Cameroonian women were raped the week before on their way to work. You have been asked by your Minister to prepare a talk that you will deliver in a contact meeting advising the Peace Corps on the safety measures they should take as they carry out their activities. Selecting relevant material from the text below, write a talk of not more than 150 words in one paragraph. Your talk should be written in a convincing manner, paying attention to grammar, spelling, punctuation and handwriting.

It is really unfortunate that sexual assault occurs throughout the world in varied circumstances. It is perpetrated by all kinds of men and to all kinds of women. One is probably as likely to be raped in many towns in this country as in any other place in the world. In spite of this reality, people still go about their business, hoping that the society will provide help and support in the event of an attack by a rapist. At the same time, rape is a very under-reported crime because women who have been victims feel that they will be blamed or even criticized and ridiculed. Despite this, studies have shown that talking about it will help social workers to assist those concerned to find solutions.

Wherever you find yourself it would be prudent to be concerned about your personal security. To start with, people should try to protect themselves adequately and consider making their houses safe by installing security locks on doors and bars on windows. If you get to know your neighbours by name and socialize with them, they will quickly respond to you when you call for help in case of an attack. Welcoming just any kind of visitor will be a mistake. You should be able to say "no" to those you do not know or like and if they persist in coming around, you should tell someone or report to the police. Tell a friend that Mr. "X" is bothering you and you do not like it and they will make Mr. "X" realize that you are not just joking.

Rape cases are common in tourist areas. Even in other places, walking alone is unsafe for women as it is for men. Why not get someone to accompany you around, say to a bar, party or other places? In spite of this, you would be doing much good to yourself if you avoid drinking much alcohol so as to stay alert. Also, avoid friends and acquaintances who drink excessively and throw decent behaviour to the wind. Being firm with them is not out of place as they are the ones who should be embarrassed not you.

All of the above precautionary measures may not be enough to keep you away from attacks by rapists. Consequently you should do everything within the means available to you to save yourself whenever you are threatened.

SECTION B
COMPOSITION (40 marks)

MARK DISTRIBUTION

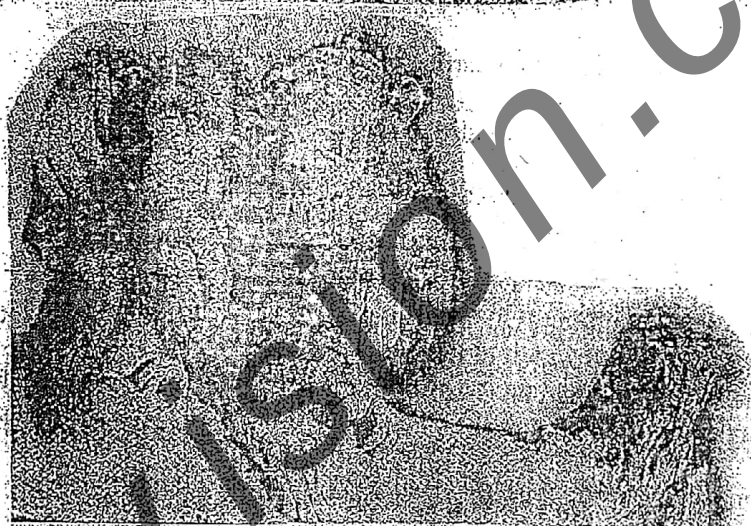
Content and Organisation	(12 marks)
Expression	(16 marks)
Accuracy	(12 marks)

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 450 – 500 words.

- a) Write a story that ends with "things shall never be the same again."
- b) Describe how a death celebration is carried out in your village or town.
- c) The principal of your school has decided to abolish the wearing of uniforms. You think the decision is unwise. Write a letter to him or her to annul the decision. You are Ndonta Bernise of C. H. S. Mambanda, P. O. Box 100, Kumba, South West Region.
- d) Laziness.
- e) Parent Teacher Associations are unnecessary additions to our school system today. Do you agree?
- f) For some time now the Cameroon government has been waging a war against bribery and corruption. Say what you think it has accomplished in that direction and say whether or not it is succeeding.
- g) What is the impact of the computer on the life of Cameroonians today?
- h) Write a story, a description or other form of composition suggested by one of the pictures below. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or take some central suggestion(s) from it. There must be some clear connection between the picture and your composition.

PICTURE A



PICTURE B

