

English Language 2  
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Subject Title	English Language
Paper No./Title	Paper 2 SECTION A – Directed Writing SECTION B - Composition
Subject Code No.	530

Two hours.

Answer BOTH questions 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	( 4 marks)

You are a member of the Debate Club of your school. The Club is organising a debate on the motion: *Cellphones are a necessity in society*. You intend to oppose this motion. Selecting relevant ideas from the material given below, develop your argument.

Write in ONE paragraph of not more than 150 words. Write in a convincing manner and pay attention to grammar, spelling, punctuation and handwriting.

CELLPHONES

- Cellphones are very convenient to use.
- Users incur high bills due to the urge or pressure to keep up with additional services.
- The feelings of nostalgia, loneliness and separation are minimized. Cellphones bring people closer together.
- The use of cellphones in class can attract disciplinary measures. The teacher may get angry and book students for punishment or dismiss the student if the disturbance is recurrent.
- Parental control over their children is difficult.
- Cellphones make communication easy. Children can contact their parents anytime, anywhere and vice versa within the twinkle of an eye.
- They sometimes disrupt lessons and make it difficult for other students to concentrate.
- It is not uncommon to see half-educated middle-class people and what we popularly call "bayam-sellam" proudly pick up their cellphones to calculate weights and costs of their goods.
- Spending too much time on the phone could lead to health problems.
- The use of cellphones causes indiscipline in class.
- Communication using cellphones can be done with little or no cost. Users can write short messages and communicate these to as many people as are found in their log.
- They are a nuisance especially during solemn occasions like church services and deep meditations.
- Users can while away time listening to music or playing games on the phone.
- Some people may acquire their phones at very low cost or may even have received them as gifts but they end up spending too much money on the phones and the extra services they render.
- Most children use cellphones to communicate secretly with those of the opposite sex.

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- Phones can connect you to cyberspace, providing access to websites and e-mail.
- There is much expenditure in buying more expensive and sophisticated cellphones.
- They are a form of relaxation either in the comfort of one's home or when travelling on long journeys.

## SECTION B

### COMPOSITION: (40 marks)

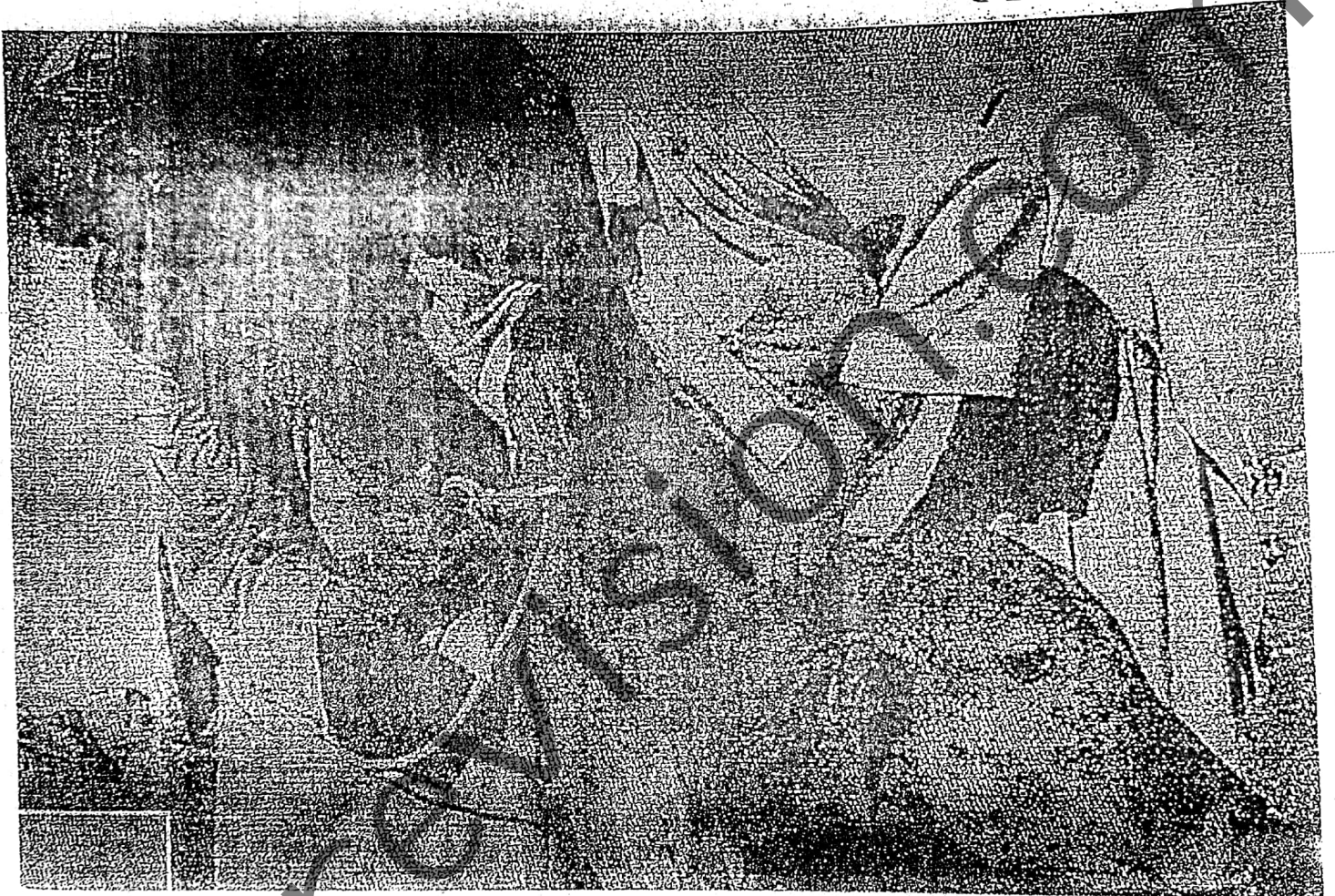
#### MARK DISTRIBUTION:

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) "When the Senior Discipline Master opened the door, he found us, seated in pairs and with countless bottles of beer all over the floor..." Continue the story.
- b) Describe a scene in which you watched your family house being demolished by the authorities of the City Council. What impact did that action have on your family? Suggest measures that other families can take to avoid similar problems.
- c) The Internet is responsible for the moral decadence of today's youth. Do you agree?
- d) Non-Governmental Organizations.
- e) Write a story to illustrate the proverb, "It's no use crying over spilt milk."
- f) If you were elected Mayor, what would you do to improve the standard of living in your council area?
- g) Describe the process of nursing and transplanting any crop or plant in your area. State the economic importance of this crop to your people.
- h) Write a story, a description or other form of composition suggested by one of the following pictures. 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



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Picture B

