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ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

Instructions for the conduct of Section A.
(Listening Comprehension Test - 5 marks)

These instructions are for the use of the Teacher ONLY and must not be shown to the candidates.

The question paper for the Listening Comprehension test should be distributed to the candidates. Candidates should be instructed to enter the details required on the front cover of the question booklet. They should then be told to fill in the information required on the answer sheet. Ensure that candidates do NOT open the question paper until they are told to do so after the first reading of the Listening Comprehension passage (see below).

The complete test should take 25 minutes. The timing commences at the beginning of the first reading of the passage. The short time allowed to candidates for reading the questions should be two minutes.

If the teacher considers it desirable to give an extra reading of any group of words because of some noise from outside or for any other good cause, this can be done. If this is found necessary, the cause must be reported to the Board on the special report form.

The procedure for giving the Listening Comprehension test is explained in the following announcement which the teacher should read to the candidates immediately before the test:

I shall read a passage to you once. You are not allowed to write anything during this first reading. Do not look at your question paper. (First reading)

The timing of the test (25 minutes) commences at this point. The teacher should read the passage through at normal reading speed, avoiding any distortion of features of spoken language. The teacher then announces:

Now open your question paper. I shall give you two minutes to look at the questions on the paper. They are grouped into three sections. Do not write anything.

The teacher allows an interval of two minutes and then announces:

I shall now read the passage through again but this time in three sections. When I have finished reading the first section you will be given two minutes in which to provide answers to the first section of the questions. Your answers must be given as instructed in the booklet. This procedure will then be repeated for the other sections. You may still look at the questions and you may make notes on the blank spaces in the booklet, if you wish, as I read. First section.

The teacher should read each section aloud pausing at each slant line. A two-minute interval should be respected after each section. Two minutes after reading the third section the teacher should make the following announcement:
Now do your final revision and go to the next section.

Turn Over

LISTENING COMPREHENSION.

SECTION ONE

Mama Bibiana had a well located site at the city centre./ One would have imagined that it was the only one/ since it was always full with cheerful customers of different ages./ She was by nature a very quarrelsome woman/ and had actually packed out of four matrimonial homes/ because the husbands could not tolerate her./ Using insulting and immoral language on people/ was as common as her daily wild make- ups/ which gave her different facial complexions./ At first,/ some of her customers tried to make her moderate her language/ by bringing some sanity into it./ However,/ the more they tried,/ the worse she became/ and so they just let her be,/ and stayed on because of her exceedingly delicious meals./

She had something to laugh about everybody,/ be it their manners or physical appearance./ Whether she had ever looked at her own self in the mirror/ was the wonder of most men and women,/ who were her daily companions;/ as she was the least beautiful./

SECTION TWO

Since her place was such a popular public spot,/ many hawkers would stop by to display their goods./ One day,/ a young hawker entered 'FEEL FREE SPOT',/ as it was known,/ with some articles to sell to some customers/ who were laughing cheerfully at her usual immoral jokes./ When he entered,/ a customer asked to see one of his items,/ so he placed the rest on an empty table/ and moved towards his potential buyer./ At the same time,/ two other customers came in,/ and having no place to sit,/ moved to the same table the hawker had occupied/ but remained standing./

Noticing her customers were standing/ while the hawker was taking a little more time to convince his own,/ Mama Bibiana burst out from behind the counter./ Hell came down/ and the young man only managed to save his articles from being flung into the rain./

SECTION THREE

Unsurprisingly,/ a series of unimaginable insults from her followed the boy/ who had found rescue at one end of the bar/ looking quite angered equally./ All these happened amidst laughter from the other customers/ who had expected just that./

Feeling hurt that the woman had not only insulted him/ but had crossed to his family,/ the young man had to retaliate to the dismay of everyone./ "Wait Madam!"/ Surprised,/ she at least listened for the first time ever to the astonishment of all her customers,/ while breathing heavily and shaking one side of her buttocks./

"Do you use that same thing to eat?"/ pointing at her mouth./ "The stench is unbearable!"/ Upon saying this,/ the boy dashed out and left Mama Bibiana humbled and speechless./ "If only she could change at last,"/ a customer whispered./ She actually could not bear the shame./ From that day/ Mama Bibiana stopped being insulting/ and developed a friendlier attitude towards people./