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**COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE
 EXAMINATION
 SERIE C, D, E, F, TI and GCE/AL**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
 TIME: TWO HOURS**

Warning!!!

All questions must be answered on this question paper. The answer paper given to you should serve as a file jacket only.

Don't write your name on this question paper!

Failure to heed to this instruction will attract serious sanctions.

A) SECTION ONE: GRAMMAR – 10 MARKS

- 1. Put the verbs in the brackets in their correct form. 5,0 marks.**
 - a. Patrio wishes he (keep) his money in the new saving bank.
 - b. When I saw the man, he (stand) outside the bank.
 - c. Had the owner of the house come on time, the thieves.....
(not/flee) into the bush.
 - d. All these people(dress) in black since they were coming from a removal of corps.
 - e. Hamed looks forward to(do) his homework in order to avoid punishment.

- 2. Change the sentences following the instructions given in the brackets. 3,0 marks.**
 - a. 'Did you pay your school fees this morning?.' My mother asked me. (Change into reported speech)

 - b. Democracy is important for citizens of a given country. It has terrible consequences. (use 'not only ... but ... also' to link the sentence)

 - c. My children are becoming (clever) since they had a home teacher. (use comparative progression)

3. Use the word in bracket to combine the pair of sentences so that the resulting one makes sense. 2,0 marks.

a. My friend speaks English. I also speak English (**so**)

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b. The student asked the teacher a question. He wanted to understand the exercise better (**in order that**).

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c. Don't dance. Do your homework (**instead of**).

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d. Solomon is a kind person. Everybody in the neighbourhood says Solomon is wicked. (**despite**)

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B) SECTION TWO : VOCABULARY – 10 MARKS

1. Use the words in the brackets to fill in the gaps so that we have good sentences. Not all the words are used. 2,5 marks.

(strange, grants, burnouts, brand, charismatic, hippie, dared, respect)

- a. John is really..... he attracts and makes people love him.
- b. Many teachers are suffering from
- c. Her elder brother her to go to the party tonight.
- d. Many people need to set up their business.
- e. Oh, what a mystery. It is.....

2. Provide in the spaces the synonyms of the highlighted words 2,5 marks.

- a. Please cheer the **athletes** up they are doing a great job.
- b. The people gave a **clear** account of what they witnessed.
- c. Gorillas and elephants are **endangered** species in my country Cameroon.
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- d. Deforestation **ruins** the soil.
- e. He is so **good-humoured** that everybody likes him.

3. Fill in the spaces by adding appropriate prefixes or suffixes on the words in brackets so as to have the same meaning with the underlined word. 5 marks.

- a. My elder sister looks forward to travelling to Europe.....
(anticipate with pleasure, seek for, investigate)
- b. That girl looks so strange she likes keeping lizards as
pets. (flamboyant, antics, eccentric)
- c. People stand up to inhumanity against humankind.
(resist, fall out with, help)
- d. Now it is your responsibility to build upon freedom's foundation.
(destroy, change, contribute)
- e. The meeting finished in utter confusion
(good terms, topsy-turvy, numerous promises)

C) SECTION THREE: READING COMPREHENSION – 10 MARKS.

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

For any successful economy, particularly in today's quest for knowledge, economics, science, technology and engineering are the basic requisites. If nations do not implement science and technology, then the chances of getting themselves developed become minimal and thus could be even rated as undeveloped nations. Science and Technology is associated in all means with modernity and it is an essential tool for rapid development.

Modernization in every aspect of life is the greatest example of the implementation of science and technology in every nation. With the introduction of modern gadgets in every walk of life has become simple and this is possible only because of implementing science and technology together. Without having modern equipment in all sectors, be it in medicines, infrastructure, aviation, electricity, information technology or any other field, the advancement and benefits that we have today would not have been possible.

A nation that is not able to prosper on these grounds would never be able to sustain the lives there and may have to solely depend on other nations for the basic requirement. Such is the influence of science and technology for the development of a nation. Villages are developed into towns and towns to cities and cities are expanding to greater horizons. This expansion has occurred through the expansion of science and technology over the years and will be more in the coming years.

Today, countries are classified as developed and developing countries. The major categorization is based on economy and the application of science and technology. If carefully analysed, one gets to understand that countries which have a strong base in science and technology are the ones that developed faster. A few examples are of countries like Russia, Japan, Brazil, China, India and many more. It is estimated by the World Bank that seven of the ten largest economies of the world by 2020 would be in Asia – China, Japan, India, Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea, and Taiwan. A few decades ago, these countries were known to have

poor policies, low discipline and no advancement and then with the introduction of science and technology in an effective manner, they have made ripples across the globe.

The role that science and technology has played in improving the living conditions across the globe is vivid, but the benefit has been harvested to maximum by all countries. Science and technology has made life a lot easier and also a lot better with the advancement of medicines and analysis on diseases. Apart from the medical side, there has been remarkable development in education, communication, agriculture, industry and other. The global economic output has increased seventeen folds in the 20th century. Yet, in spite of the advancements in almost all sectors, the world is not free from hunger, disease, pollution, illiteracy and poverty. The gap between the rich and the poor has widened. By the 21st century, with right applications of research, development, and implications of science and technology a major difference could be brought about.

QUESTIONS :

- 1. Is there any link between science, technology and development? Justify your answer. 2,0 marks**

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- 2. What does the expression “ could be brought about” (last sentence of the text) mean? 2,0 mark**

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- 3. What is the greatest example of the implementation of science and technology in every nation in every aspect of life? 2,0 mark**

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- 4. List any 4 countries mentioned in the passage that have developed faster and why? 1,0 marks**

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5. What is strange in spite of the advancement in science and technology in almost all sectors? 2,0 mark

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6. In the expression “ ...greater horizons...” (line 26) what part of speech is ‘horizons’ . 1,0 marks

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D) SECTION FOUR: ESSAY – 10 MARKS

Write an essay of not less than 300 words on any ONE of the following. Your essay must be coherent and must be written in the appropriate tense of the topic chosen.

1. People are addicted to novellas, football, drugs, religion, and television. After defining what addiction is, give some of its causes and consequences.
2. Show what the government, parents, and teachers should do in order to contribute to quality education of their children.
3. Write a speech in which you are going to sensitize your classmates about the side effects of social media network on youth.
