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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2021 SECONDARY 4 EXPRESS/ 5 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Writing
INSERT

23 August 2021
1 hour 50 minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

This insert contains Section A.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Hand in the completed Section A insert separately.

Section A [10 marks]

Question 1

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who have trekked to the site to take visually arresting photos of the terrain and	4
posted it online. The situation is extremely dire. Water supplies for agricultural	5
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hit hard are worried. Household in the areas under tight restrictions also go	7
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MARKING GUIDE

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No	Word Wrong	Correct Word	Grammar Item
Q1	-	-	-
Q2	snake	snaking	Verb form
Q3	have	has	Subject-verb agreement
Q4	-	-	-
Q5	it	them	Pronouns
Q6	whom	who	Relative pronouns
Q7	Household	Households	Subject-verb agreement
Q8	but	and	conjunction
Q9	at	of	Preposition
Q10	allocate	allocated	tense – past

- 1) Candidates need to be aware of tenses. One of the worst droughts.
- 2) Candidates need to be aware of identifying adjectives and adjective phrases which are common in passages. In this case, **parched** lake, **snaking/snaky** cracks.
- 3) While many candidates were able to get this right, a handful of candidates were confused by the long sentence and forgot to check for SVA error. The subject of the sentence is “The parched lake bed”.
- 4) Most of the candidates were able to get this right.
- 5) Many candidates answered this question wrongly. They identified ‘posted’ as the error. Again, students are reminded to be mindful of tenses. What is supposed to be posted online are the photos as written in the previous line.
- 6) Candidates are advised to familiarise themselves on the difference between the use of ‘who’ and ‘whom’.
- 7) 8), 9), and 10) Most of the candidates were able to get this right.