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**ENGLISH
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BECE PREDICTION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

ESSAY

These topics are the way the 2023 BECE will be arranged. Students are to learn the topics below.

1. Informal/formal letter
2. Article /argumentative
3. Story writing /narrative/descriptive
4. Comprehension

SAMPLE ESSAYS

FORMAL LETTERS

2023	Formal
2022	informal
2021	Informal
2020	Formal
2019	Formal
2018	Formal
2017	Informal
2016	Informal
2015	Informal
2014	Formal
2013	Informal
2012	Formal/informal
2011	Formal
2010	Informal

2023 letter writing topic predictions and chances

Formal letter	Semi-formal	Informal
90%	40%	40%

Question: write a letter to the ministry of health of your country explaining at least two ways to prevent the spread of diseases in your community.

Dome D/A JHS,
P.O.Box 5,
Dome- Accra.
25th May, 2005.

The Assemblyman,

P O Box 5,
Dome-Accra.

Dear Sir,

THE WAYS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASES IN MY COMMUNITY

I wish to draw your attention to the ways to prevent the spread of diseases in my community. There are several ways to prevent the spread of diseases in my community. Some of the ways of preventing the spread of diseases in my community are; quarantining of infested people, training of more health officers and practicing of personal hygiene. Below are the details of the ways to prevent the spread of diseases in my community.

Sir, firstly, we need to quarantine all the infested people in the community. People who are infested with the disease must be isolated from the community. The ministry of health and the government can build more quarantine centers. These centers must have health facilities to manage and cure the infections. As more of these isolation centers are built, more infested people would be separated from the rest of the people in the community. The result is that; the infested people would not be able to come in contact with the rest of people in the community. Consequently, most people would not get the diseases in the community. This would save more lives of the people in the community. Please sir, I would appeal to you to help our community get more quarantine centers to help prevent the spread of diseases such as cholera.

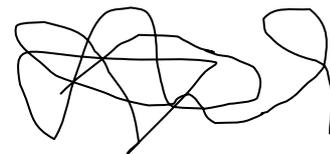
Sir, in addition, training of more health officers is a way to prevent the spread of diseases in my community. The government must train more health workers who can help prevent the spread of diseases in the country. To do this, the government must establish more health colleges such as nursing colleges. Again, more

students can be enrolled to offer courses such as medicine, laboratory technicians and many more. As a result of this, more health workers will be available in the country. Consequently, people who get infested with diseases such as cholera would get health officers to take care of them. This would at the end, help prevent the spread of infections in the country. Sir, in all, we would like you to help train more health officers to help prevent diseases outbreak in the community.

Sir, finally, practicing of personal hygiene is a way to prevent the spread of diseases in the community. People in the community must be encourage to observe some basic personal hygiene. They must wash their hands frequently with soap under running water. The washing of hands is needed after visiting the wash room, offering handshakes and other activities which may make our hands infested with germs and other pathogens. Beside, people are not supposed to defecate in the open such as the beaches and surrounding bushes. We can achieve this through public education in the media such radio, television and online. As a result, the people in the community would be neat and clean. In effect, germs and pathogens would not get a place to stay so as to cause infections in the community. Doing this would go a long way to prevent infections in the community. Sir, I would appeal to you to help educate the public to practice personal hygiene.

In the nutshell, we have noticed that, the ways of preventing outbreak of diseases in the community are; quarantining of infested people, training of more health officers and practicing of personal hygiene. I hope all my suggestions would be taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Abankaka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Daniel Abankaka)

Dome D/A JHS,
P.O.Box 5,
Dome- Accra.
25th May, 2005.

The Ministry of Health,
P.O. Box 12345,
Accra.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Need for Vocation or Trade After School

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to bring to your attention the pressing need for vocational or trade education after school in our country. It is crucial to emphasize the importance of providing practical skills and training to students alongside their academic education.

Sir, firstly, it offers an alternative pathway for students who may not excel in traditional academic subjects. By providing them with specialized training in vocational fields such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and automotive repair, we can help them develop marketable skills and enhance their employment prospects. This, in turn, reduces the risk of unemployment and contributes to the overall economic growth of our nation.

Sir, secondly, vocational or trade education promotes entrepreneurship and self-employment. By equipping individuals with practical skills, we empower them to establish their own businesses and become self-reliant. This not only creates job opportunities for themselves but also generates employment for others within our community. Additionally, fostering an entrepreneurial mindset instills creativity, innovation, and problem-solving abilities, which are essential for driving economic development and prosperity.

Sir, finally, vocational or trade education bridges the gap between education and industry. It allows students to acquire hands-on experience through apprenticeships, internships, and practical training. By closely aligning the curriculum with industry needs, we can ensure that students graduate with relevant skills and are readily employable. This symbiotic relationship between education and industry facilitates a seamless transition from learning to earning and enhances the overall quality of our workforce.

In conclusion, I believe that prioritizing vocational or trade education in our country will create a more balanced and inclusive education system. It will empower students with practical skills, increase employment opportunities, and foster entrepreneurship. I kindly request your support and consideration in implementing these measures

LIKELY FORMAL LETTER QUESTION

1. Problems in your school
2. Ways of ensuring safety in the school
3. Ways of ensuring safety in the community
4. Ways of controlling diseases in the country
5. Ways of ensuring good sanitation
6. Reasons for examination failure
7. Reasons for examination mal-practices
8. Reasons/need for school feeding program
9. Effects of social media
10. Causes of poor sanitation
11. Ways of ensuring good sanitation
12. Causes of road accident
13. Effects of road accidents
14. Ways of controlling road accidents
15. Problems in your community
16. Criminal activities of youths
17. Ways of ensuring peace in the community
18. Acts that constitute indiscipline
19. Ways of ensuring discipline
20. Causes of floods in the cities
21. Effects of floods in the cities
22. Cause and effects of fire outbreak
23. Causes and effects of road accidents

- 24.Measures to control armed robbery
- 25.Importance of reading /library
- 26.Measures to Control of criminal activities of youths in the country
- 27.The dangers of living in the cities
- 28.The dangers of living in the villages
- 29.The benefits of modern technology
- 30.Benefits of learning trade or vocation after school.
- 31.Causes of bribery and corruption
- 32.Effects of bribery and corruption
- 33.Importance of schooling
- 34.Importance of reading
- 35.Importance of electricity
- 36.Effects of power outage
- 37.Effects of water shortage
- 38.The need for music and dance in school
- 39.Need for sports in schools
- 40.The need for teaching of culture
- 41.The need for local languages
- 42.causes/Effects of illegal mining in the country
- 43.the need for sports competition
- 44.the reasons why toilet is needed in your school or community
- 45.the reasons why every household must get a toilet
- 46.the poor nature of school building
- 47.the reasons for school vacations
- 48.the reasons for PTA
- 49.things needed in the school
- 50.The need for school canteen
- 51.Request for ICT laboratory
- 52.Reasons for science laboratory
- 53.Need for recreational facilities in schools
- 54.Reasons for the teaching and learning of creative arts
- 55.Ways of keeping the school clean
- 56.Ways of learning
- 57.Reasons for textbooks in schools
- 58.Reasons for failure of mathematics
- 59.Ways of ensuring safety on our roads
- 60.Recommending your head teacher/teacher for an award
- 61.Projects needed in your community

62.The need for vocation or trade after school

63.Why you will learn trade or go to school

A model informal letter

Question: write a letter to your friend informing him or her about at three reasons why he/she should not quit school.

Dome D/A JHS,

P.O. Box 5,

Dome-Accra.

26th June, 2006.

Hello Maa Achiaa,

My heart missed a beat when I heard that you wanted to quit school. EI! What a bad idea! My friend, how are you? I wish you will change your decision. The reason for writing you this letter is to inform you about the reasons why you shouldn't quit school. Some of the reasons why you shouldn't quit schooling are; you will get support for me to complete the school, the school can help you to acquire a job in the future and the schooling will help you to support your family financially.

Achiaa, you will get support from me to complete your school so you shouldn't quit. I've now obtained a job that can support us in terms of paying your term fees. This will help you to be able to pay your fees at ease without absenting yourself from school again. I will even give you pocket money each day. Ah, what are friends for? It is time for me to repay all the good things you did for me when my only grandfather who was having one foot in the grave joined the great grave of multitudes. Hmm, concerning your weakness in mathematics and English language, I will personally plan and teach you to overcome the difficulties. I hope you know that I am good at that. This will make the school a bed of rose to attend since you will find learning difficult subjects at ease. So Achiaa, never ever let that thought of you quitting the school come to mind again. You now have a solution.

Achiaa, continuing schooling will help you to secure jobs with higher salary in the future. Currently, the minimum wage for workers in the country is 7 Ghana Cedi. This means that, averagely, workers pay stands at 210 Ghana Cedi a month. In contrast to this, many people in the country are paid less than the minimum wage due to low level of education. The higher you attain in education, the higher your salary and the

lower your level of education, the lower you pay/salary. So Achiaa, how can you live in the present situation and spend less than 7 Ghana Cedi a day for food, rent and other expanses? Doing that means you will be living from hand to mouth. You cannot my friend! Now it is the time to tackle the bull by the horns! You have to strive and continue your schooling so as to able to obtain jobs as well as high salary. Achi, you don't have any reason to quit the school.

Finally, Achiaa, the school will help you to support your family financially. It has been just a stone throw since your uncle who supports the whole family kicked the bucket. Now, you will definitely become the bread winner of the family. Sorry to remind you of your sadness. I want you to know that the school will help you a lot to be financially sound to be able to look after your family. Not only that, but also you are to get married one day and you need a financially sound atmosphere to look after your family. All these can be possible only if you tackle the bull by the horns and continue schooling. What do you think? I am undeniably sure that you will not quit the school as you want to care for your family.

I end here with many greetings to your family, especially your parents. Aha! It slips my mind oo; uncle Attah has been rounded up by the police for killing Kofi Ako for stealing his pin. Hmm, what a brutal act! I hope you will take my advice into consideration. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Bright

LIKELY INFORMAL LETTERS QUESTIONS

Write a letter to your friend in another school about:

- a. the reasons why the he/she should attend your school
- b. the directions to your school
- c. latest development in school
- d. latest news/development in your town
- e. Sports competition held in your school
- f. Cultural festival held in your school
- g. The ways to learn towards examination
- h. Recommending a book that you have used
- i. Advising him/her on how to stay healthy
- j. How you will have used thousand Ghana cedi
- k. Things needed for your schooling
- l. The happiest day in your life
- m. The day you will never forget
- n. Your parents left you in charge of the house
- o. The market day in the community
- p. How sanitation day is organized in your community
- q. Things in your community for sight seeing
- r. Advantages of living in the village/city
- s. Preparation towards your BECE
- t. Armed scene in your neighbourhood
- u. How exams is conducted in your country or school
- v. The career you want to pursue in future
- w. The bad activities of your brother or sister
- x. Dangers in town
- y. Bad side of internet/phone/social media
- z. How you use the phone/social media
- aa. How you became first in class
- bb. How a local festival is celebrated
- cc. How a national event is observed
- dd. How to pass Mathematics and science

- ee. Latest development in your country
- ff. How to keep the school clean
- gg. Ways of maintaining your classroom
- hh. Recommend your teacher for award
- ii. Reasons why some of your teachers must be changed

A model article

Question: write an article for publication in any of the national newspapers on the causes of teenage pregnancy in the country.

THE CAUSES OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN THE COUNTRY

Recent increased in the number of teenage pregnancies in the country has generated a lot of public debate in the media. As a citizen, I would like to express my view on the causes of teenage pregnancy in the country. In my opinion, there are several causes of teenage pregnancy in the country. I believe, the causes of teenage pregnancies in the country are; inadequate parental care, poverty and peer influence. Below are the details of the causes of teenage pregnancy in the country.

In my view, a major cause of teenage pregnancy in the country is inadequate parental care. Parents do not take good care of their children. Most parents in the country do not offer their children with food, accommodation and cloth. In addition, parents do not give their children moral training. They are always busy with their work due to the economic hardships in the country. As a result, most children take care of themselves. An option for the children, especially the teenage girls is to beg or extort money from men for sex. The effect is that, the girls may get pregnant through pre-marital sex consequently leading to untimely death through illegal abortion. I suggest, the way forward is for parents to offer adequate care. This can be achieved if the government offers an encouragement to parents to take adequate care of their children.

In addition, I think, one cannot talk about teenage pregnancy without talking of poverty as a cause. The poverty levels of families in the country are high. Many families in the country cannot get money to give their children's basic needs such as food, cloth and accommodation. This can be explained by the fact that, the economic hardships in the country do not let parents to get gainful employment. As a result, the children in most cases are encouraged by parents to engage in work to aid their family. These parents go along way by pushing their girl child into prostitution and early marriage to support the family. The effect is that, these girls would get pregnant in their teenage leading to school dropout and its social effects. For instance, according to GES annual

report, last year about 10,000 JHS girls drop out of school due to teenage pregnancy. If the rate of teenage pregnancy in the country does not reduce by drastic measures such as school feeding program, I am afraid our population would be more than double every year. The government must do all it could to help reduce poverty levels in the country to reduce teenage pregnancy.

Finally, in my view, peer influence causes teenage pregnancy. Young people are influenced by their peers. These teenagers listen to the advices of their peers to engage in acts which can lead them into danger. Most of the times, peers are fond of items such as phones, computers which their friend used. These friends with these items may have engaged in pre-marital sex for them. But, they would lure their friends to engage in these acts to get their luxury. The result may be engaging in pre-marital sex with the teenage girls to get the items leading into teenage pregnancy. The effect is that, the teenage girls would end up single parents till the rest of their lives. Young people should be very mindful of the people they associate. I hope that, parents would keep close eye on their children to help them choose good friends for the association.

To crown it, teenage pregnancy as one of the social problems in the country could be controlled as we pinned out the causes. I hope that the whole country would take bold steps to tackle teenage pregnancy.

Atagaga Siagaga
Dome D/A JHS.

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Likely BECE

Write an article for publication on;

1. Reasons for examination failure
2. Reasons for examination mal-practices
3. Effects of examination mal-practices
4. Forms of examination mal-practices
5. Reasons/need for school farm
6. Reasons/need for school feeding program
7. Reasons/need for ICT
8. Effects of social media
9. Causes of poor sanitation
10. Ways of ensuring good sanitation
11. Causes of road accident
12. Effects of road accidents

- 13.Ways of controlling road accidents
- 14.Problems in your community
- 15.Criminal activities of youths
- 16.Ways of ensuring peace in the community
- 17.Acts that constitute indiscipline
- 18.Ways of ensuring discipline
- 19.Causes of floods in the cities
- 20.Effects of floods in the cities
- 21.Cause and effects of fire outbreak
- 22.Causes and effects of road accidents
- 23.Measures to control armed robbery
- 24.Importance of reading /library
- 25.Measures to Control of criminal activities of youths in the country
- 26.The importance of living in the cities
- 27.The Importance of living in the villages
- 28.The dangers of living in the cities
- 29.The dangers of living in the villages
- 30.The benefits of modern technology
- 31.The Benefits of staying in Ghana
- 32.The dangers of going abroad
- 33.The benefits of learning trade or vocation after school.
- 34.The ways to keep the environment clean
- 35.The importance of the national sanitation day
- 36.causes/Effects of illegal mining in the country
- 37.reasons for sanitation campaign
- 38.the need to stay healthy
- 39.the poor nature of the school building
- 40.the need for a good relationship between teachers and parents
- 41.the need for a good relationship between teachers and students
- 42.causes and effects of examination mal-practices
- 43.the need for school feeding program
- 44.poor nature of roads in your community
- 45.crimes in the community
- 46.causes of diseases
- 47.effects of diseases out-break
- 48.bad activities of drivers
- 49.misuse of mobile phone

QUESTION: write a speech to be delivered during the speech and prize giving day celebration of your school on the causes of teenage pregnancy in your school.

A SPEECH DELIVERED BY KOFI AMPA ON THE CAUSES OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN THE SCHOOL AT 2:00 PM ON THE 25TH MAY 2015 DURING THE 26TH SPEECH AND PRIZE GIVEN DAY CELEBRATION AT THE SCHOOL PARK IN AMENASE

Mr. Chairman, The minister of education, Youth and Sports, The Headmaster, Staff, Chiefs, Invited guests, Fellow Students, Ladies and Gentlemen. I consider it a great honour to be called upon this afternoon to deliver a speech on the causes of teenage pregnancy in our school during this grand occasion. I may use this opportunity to welcome you all, into this occasion. Welcome all! This occasion is the time for both past and immediate students of the school to deliberate on pressing issues such as the causes of teenage pregnancy. There are several causes of teenage pregnancy in the school. The causes of teenage pregnancy in the school are; inadequate parental care, broken homes and poverty, my speech would detail the above causes.

Mr. Chairman, the first cause of teenage pregnancy in our dear school is inadequate parental care. The parents in the community do not take good care of their children. Am I not telling the truth? Tell me. Parents go extend of not providing their children food, cloth and the most shocking of all is a place to sleep. What should these children do? Tell me! The only choice for them is to leave home to go search for their basic needs. As a result, they would use all manners of ways including pre-marital sex for money. I hope we all know what would happen next? The children especially the teenage girls would get pregnant leading to unexpected death through illegal abortion. So, parents should take it as a must and take good care of their children. I appeal to authorities here to put measures to help control teenage pregnancy in the school.

Mr. Chairman, another cause of teenage pregnancy in the school is poverty. As the saying goes poverty is madness, would anyone here overrule the adage? I hope not a single one of you would do that. Poverty makes parents powerless to look after their children as we are all aware. Parents desperate to move out of poverty push their children, especially teenage girls to associate with men to get them money. I hope you know what that money can do? That money will release stress from parents on poverty, but replacing it with teenage pregnancy and its related effects impossible to erase once imprinted. As we have government official here, their duty to help improve the economy of the country to help reduce poverty levels to prevent teenage

pregnancy in the country. We all pray that a time would come where poverty would be reduced to help moderate the rate of teenage pregnancy in the school.

Mr. Chairman, the final cause of teenage pregnancy is broken homes. Families are separated nowadays. These broken families cannot take care of their children as the families become single parents. As a result, the children cannot figure out which parent to go for their basic needs. Let me ask, how many of you parent here are divorced? We cannot make our children, especially the girls get pregnant! The effect of the children looking for their needs due to broken homes is to enter into pre-marital sex for money due to child neglect. so, everyone here must do all they could not to separate as a family but do all they could to stick together.

Mr. Chairman, The minister of education, Youth and Sports, The Headmaster, Staff, Chiefs, Invited Guests, Fellow students, Ladies and Gentlemen. From the above speech, we hope to do our part to make sure our children would be protected to reduce teenage pregnancy in the school and the community. Thank you

LIKELY 2023 QUESTIONS

- a. The problems in your school
- b. The misuse of mobile phones
- c. Causes of examination mal-practices
- d. Reasons for low performance of your school
- e. Causes of teenage pregnancy
- f. Ways of ensuring discipline in the school
- g. Ways of ensuring good sanitation in your school
- h. The need to own a school farm
- i. The need for sports
- j. Problems in your community
- k. Ways of staying away from diseases
- l. The effects of social media
- m. Sanitation in the community
- n. Why canning must be banned
- o. The success and failure of the school

Story writing

Sample model story

Question: Write a story with the saying “people must not let their past shortcomings and mistakes hindrance to their progress”.

The early stage of Boko’s life, he was indeed living in a bed of roses. The parents were extremely rich; the father being the chief of the town, the owner and the custodian of the whole land full of properties and minerals mining resources in the land of Bodwesango earned millions of Ghana Cedi. Besides, the father was a lawyer in one of the reputable law firm, Adede and Associates. All these were indeed much sign of richness for the family. Not only the above, but also the mother too was a prominent business woman who deals in cloths of all kinds to all the towns in the community. She supplies, cloths of all kinds to even companies outside the country. The family from their richness did everything for Boko to make life and future successful. At times, he received pocket money that worth a million Ghana Cedi. He was not deprived of any anything desirable to the heart. All these, were signs of a great success in Boko’s life.

Not long after completing high school, that the parents detected that Boko first day in school was exactly the last he graduated. All this while, he was given pocket money, school fees and more, he was living in a rented apartment with his friends and do not go to school. His friends showed him how to smoke and drink. They normally go to the bar drink, smoke and engage in all kinds of illicit acts. This affected Boko negatively, as his thinking became distorted and talked in a harsh and profane way. After these, the friends made him enter into sales of cocaine. All these were without the absolute knowledge of the parents.

At the graduation day, Boko pretended to be sick and planned with the doctor to admit him at the hospital, meaning he couldn’t attend the graduation. After two weeks of hospital admission, he finally came home. It was at this point that the parents realized that, their only son’s behavior wasn’t normal. He speaks harshly and profanely.

After one month time, the police apprehended Boko and sent him to the parents for possessing narcotic substances.

A few days later, Boko was arranged before court and he was remanded in police cell. The parents did all they could, but their affluence couldn’t buy the law of the land. Boko was sentenced to five years imprisonment with hard labour. At the end of the five year jailed, he was left out free. He came back to the house and found out that,

the mother kicked the bucket due to his act. He decided to turn a new leaf. Two years later, he was able to fix all the damages he caused. He married and together, they helped to multiply the father's richness

At last, Boko's father joined his ancestors and he was made the chief of the town! All these happened as a result of his total come back. So the elders even forgave him and overlook his prison sentence. He became a well notable chief and his kingdom prospers in all his days. So we as people must not let our past shortcomings and mistakes hinder us to progress.

The next aspect of English language exams is comprehension test

This part of the book will give us some of newly tried and tested comprehension tips.

PREDICTED QUESTIONS

1. A story you have read or heard
A story ending/ beginning or illustrating
2. That was the last time we talked
3. We became friends from that time
4. Never judge a book by its cover
5. Two heads are better than one
6. Never give up
7. All the glitters are not gold
8. Those living in glass houses should not throw stones
9. It pays to be good to all
10. Generosity pays

Sample descriptive essay

Question: Describe your best game

My Best Game

Games are numerous in this world. Some of the games include soccer, volleyball, tennis and many more. But, my best game is soccer (football). Football is normally played with two teams on a rectangular playing field normally covered with green grass. The fields consist of the goal post, the center lane, the eighteen lanes and the wings. The teams must be differentiated with each team wearing different jerseys.

Each team consists of eleven players with reserve players and team officials together with their coaches. Each of the players is to play their various positions to get their ultimate aim. There are defenders, midfielders, wingers and attackers. The defenders are to stop the opponent from scoring. This is achieved mainly through the tasks of marking, covering and tackling. The defenders are; the goalkeeper, the sweeper, the center back, right wing back and left wingback. The goalkeeper who is the only player to touch the ball with both legs and hand in his area, protect the ball from crossing the goal line for goal to be scored. The wingback defenders defend from the wings while the two center back defenders assist the sweeper. The sweeper stands at the center of the eighteen lanes. Also, the midfielders link the defense and the offense of the team. They bring the ball to the attackers and prevent the ball from reaching the defenders when not in possession. The central midfielder is stationed at the center of the field. He plays both the offense and defense. Again, the attacking midfielder is an advanced midfield player who is inclined to attack. The forwarders are the ones who score goals.

Furthermore, there are referees to officiate the match. The referees are three, one main referee and two assistances or linesmen. The assistances watch the lines and report any infringement to the main referee's attention. During the game a player can be shown the yellow card as a warning and red card as dismissal from the game.

The game starts after the captain of each team meet for tossing. The winner of the toss will choose the side to play from. After the tossing, the winner of the toss passed the ball.

Also, the game is divided into two parts with each half lasting 45 minutes. The first half starts when the referee of the game whistles for the start of the match. After 45 minutes of the game with injury time, the referee gives way to the second half of the game. After fifteen minutes of break and resting, the other half is starts. During this time a lot of happenings may occur that may change the course or the outcome of the game. There can be a penalty when the infringement occurred in the penalty box of players trying to defend their goal lane. Again, free kicks occurred when any infringements such as handling of the ball by any of the players, except the goalkeeper, rough tackling and many more. The game comes to an end after the exhaustion of the full ninety minutes plus injury and extra time. Extra time comes in if there should be a winner definitely in the game. After all these, if a winner is not known yet, the game will lead to penalty shoot-out with five players from each side taken the spot kick.

A score occurred when any player kicked the ball to cross the goal line either by the opponent or fellow team. When a goal is scored by the same player of a team, it is an own goal. The winner of any match is declared after ninety minutes of action or extra time. The result can be winning, losing and drawing.

At the end of the game, the supporters of the winners are left with a lot of joy, singing and praising prayers whiles the losing team becomes sad and angry about the players and rage a lot of insults on them.

PREDICTED QUESTIONS

1. Your favourite teacher
2. Your house
3. Your town
4. Market day in your town
5. Fight between two of your classmates
6. The happiest day in your life
7. The day you will never forget
8. Accidents scene

9. Armed robbery scene
10. Festival in my community
11. Speech and prize given day celebration
12. Sports completion in your area

COMPREHENSION

Comprehension test involves giving a passage for students to answer questions on the passage. For us to prepare for any comprehension paper, we must know the content of the question.

Note: careful study of WAEC comprehension passages review that, questions are arranged based on the paragraph of the comprehension passage. This can be explained by the fact that, the answer to the first question can be found in the first paragraph and so on. With this in mind, I do not agree with the traditional way of answering comprehension questions where students are to read the entire comprehension passage for some number of times.

The intuition behind my claim: in learning (reading), students perceive information in a passage they receive in the sensory memory. The sensory memory, however, can only hold information for a short period of time and fades if not rehearsed. Examinations are not times for rehearsals. To overcome this, my predictions are that the following newly and tested steps for answering comprehension test below must be followed.

Predicted/newly and tested steps in answering comprehension questions

1. Read the first question for the demand of the question
2. Read the first paragraph to the second, locate the answer and underlined the answer in the passage.
3. Write your answer and check grammatical errors.
4. Repeat the steps in (1, 2 and 3) to the rest of the questions.

Importance of the steps

1. Reading can take time, and may eat into all your time, thereby making you unable to write the answer which is necessary. Using this method, you can answer some of the questions before time will be up.

2. It makes you have ample time to answer fully what you can answer and earn the full marks.

At this point, the rules for answering comprehension passages will go a long way to help us.

Some guided rules for answering comprehension passages.

1. The answer need not be in sentence form.
2. Do not repeat questions in answering questions.
Eg. State the reason why the boy died.
Answer 1: the reason why the boy died is through motor accidents (not necessary)
Answer 2: the boy died through motor accidents (necessary)
3. Answers must only be taken from the passage
4. Words to be used to replace words in a passage must adequately fit be its meaning, tense etc
5. Always check grammatical mistakes.

Contents of comprehension

- a. Lifted answers from the passage
- b. Inference or views of writer/Logical conclusion question
- c. Words and meaning and expressional meaning.

Lifted answers

These are the part of the question where the answers are straightforwardly located in the passage. You just read and pick the answer of the question of the passage.

Logical questions/inference

These types of questions involve students making conclusion depending on the circumstances of the passage. Some are characters of writers or people in the passage. You cannot find the answer from the passage, but we use the circumstances surrounding the passage to conclude on the answer be it a character or view on anything. If the question demands characters or behavior or attitude on something we normally use friendly, unfriendly, harsh, good, bad, etc.

Words and meaning

Provide words that can adequately fix in the passage. Make sure it is having the same meaning, tense and part of speech is in terms of a noun, adjective, adverb, etc. Also,

any word or phrase to be used to replace any expression in the passage should adequately fix in the passage.

Always use the words in the place you have to replace in the passage before you choose the word to be an answer.

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- Dilemma of ghost
- Oliver twist
- Makola
- The woman who can
- Sleeping without wake
- A day's wait
- Mama is a sunrise
- The girl who can