

**PAPER II****SECTION A****CONTINUOUS WRITING****[50 MARKS]**

You are required to answer only **one** question from this section. Your answer should **not** be less than **450** words. All questions carry equal marks. You are advised to spend about **45** minutes on this section.

1. An epidemic has broken out in your community as a result of a poor source of water. Write a letter to your Local Government Chairman notifying him of this development and requesting his assistance in providing portable water for the community.
2. You are the chief speaker in a debate on the topic: *The Girl Child is more Useful to the Family than the Boy Child*. Write your argument *for* or *against* the motion.
3. Write an article suitable for publication in a national daily on why History should be made a compulsory subject at the secondary school level in your country.
4. Write a story that illustrates the saying: *Better late than never*.

SECTION B
COMPREHENSION
[20 MARKS]

You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on this section.

5. Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions on it.

Dogs can be trained to perform various tasks. These include looking after the disabled or the sick. For the mobility-impaired, highly trained canines can pick up dropped items, open and close doors, help the person in and out of a bathtub and pull off gloves, shoes and socks. These dogs, known as 'service dogs', can also be trained to push and pull wheelchairs and do other duties such as *alerting* their owners of the sound of doorbells, phones, alarm clocks and even dial "911" on large-keyed phones. Besides, these dogs provide companionship and unconditional love for the people they assist. Indeed, they are man's best friend.

For Mike, 30, who has been paralysed since he snapped his neck while falling from a rock ten years ago, his trained dog, Max, has become his constant companion and assistant. "I used to feel helpless and frustrated for having to depend on people all the time. I felt I was a big burden and nuisance to them. After Max came along, I felt much better. He is always with me and does his duties without the slightest fuss or annoyance. He is my trusted companion. With him around, I certainly do not feel lonely. In fact, I now feel much better about myself. I would say Max has *minimised* my disability and improved my general outlook."

Three years after the accident, Mike had enrolled himself as an undergraduate in a university. He lived in an apartment and had an automated wheelchair and a live-in attendant to look after his needs. "The set-up seemed good in the beginning. However, my human assistant could not always be there to anticipate my need. Once, I dropped the key to my van and I could not bend down to pick it up. On another occasion, while doing my assignment, I dropped my pen and had to wait for quite a long while before my attendant came and picked up the pen for me. With Max around, I have avoided *unnecessary* loss of time. *The uncomplaining canine* provides 24-hour assistance. He gets excited or rather happy to be of help to me. He appears to be rather bored when he has nothing to do."

Max was Mike's full-time *companion* throughout his university days. He went to the grocery store with Mike, stayed with him in the apartment and attended classes with him. "Max is highly specialized. He performs tasks to fulfil my *specific* needs any time of the day. However, training the dog is a continuous process. Of late, I have been trying to teach him to bark on command. I sometimes have bad muscle spasms that knock me forward into my lap and won't be able to get back up. My plan is that Max could bark when this happens

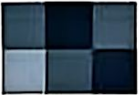


to get attention and help. It is by no means easy, for Max has been taught not to bark. Now, I have been barking at him to show him how to bark."

Dogs can also be trained to provide some form of "therapy" to patients in hospitals or nursing homes. "There, people with physical or mental illness can share the joy, comfort and liberating moments the canines can provide. The same can be said of Max", said Mike. "I find comfort in having him close to me. He understands my *moment* of joy or sadness", he added.

- (a) State two ways that dogs can be of help to the physically challenged. (2 marks)
- (b) How did Mike feel before the coming of Max? (2 marks)
- (c) Mention two advantages of service dogs over human assistants. (2 marks)
- (d) State one way Max helped Mike in school. (1 mark)
- (e) Why has Mike been trying hard to teach Max how to bark? (2 marks)
- (f) *The uncomplaining canine...*
 - (i) What is the grammatical name given to this expression? (1 mark)
 - (ii) What is its function in the sentence? (2 marks)
- (g) State two emotional benefits patients can get from the services provided by dogs. (2 marks)
- (h) Find one word or phrase which is *nearest in meaning* to and can, at the same time replace each of the following words as used in the passage:
 - (i) alerting
 - (ii) minimised
 - (iii) unnecessary
 - (iv) companion
 - (v) specific
 - (vi) moment

One mark for each correct answer i.e. $1 \times 6 = 6$ marks



SECTION C
SUMMARY
[30 MARKS]

You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on this section.

6. Read the passage below carefully and answer the question on it.

How you care for your health has much to do with how healthy you are. Consider the elements that can expose you to diseases and how you can put up the best possible defences.

The best thing to do is to protect your water supply from contamination. If you know that your water supply is contaminated or suspect that it is, you can treat the water at home to make it safe. Store portable water in a closed vessel, and dispense it hygienically with or through a tap. Never put your hands into a clean water supply. If possible, you should try to live in a community that properly disposes of human waste, so that it does not contaminate local water sources.

Contaminated fruits and vegetables may look fresh and nutritious. So, get into the habit of thoroughly washing them before eating. Ensure that food utensils, kitchen surfaces and your hands are clean when preparing or serving food. Some foods require cooking at a certain temperature in order to destroy dangerous microbes. Beware of food that is discoloured or has an unpleasant odour or taste. Refrigerate left over food as soon as possible. Avoid preparing food for others when you are suffering from a contagious disease.

Limit contact with disease carrying insects by staying indoors when they are active or by wearing protective clothing such as long sleeves and trousers. Sleep under treated mosquito nets. Eliminate containers of stagnant water where mosquitoes could breed. It is advisable to minimise contact with domestic animals and, if you do, wash your hands after touching them. If you are bitten or scratched, wash the wound thoroughly and seek a doctor's advice.

Do not share personal items such as razors, tooth brushes or towels. Avoid contact with body fluids from animals or other people. It is important not to underestimate the benefits of washing hands thoroughly and frequently because it is perhaps the most effective way you can stop the spread of infection.

In six sentences, one for each, summarise how diseases could be prevented.

Five marks each i.e $5 \times 6 = 30$ marks

ENGLISH (TYPE G)

COMPREHENSION

(5)

- (a) Dogs can help pick up dropped items for the mobility-impaired. Dogs can also help them open/close doors.
- (b) He felt helpless, frustrated and like a burden to people.
- (c) Service dogs are available 24 hours. They do not complain or get annoyed.
- (d) Max attended classes with Mike and was a devoted companion during that time.
- (e) This is to enable him get help, especially during the period when he has bad muscle spasms.
- (f) (i) Noun phrase
(ii) Subject of the verb, "provides"
- (g) Patients can get joy.
Patients can get comfort.
- (h) (i) Alerting → Notifying
(ii) Minimised → reduced
(iii) Unnecessary → needless
(iv) Companion → friend
(v) Specific → particular
(vi) Moment → time

ENGLISH (TYPE G)

SUMMARY

(6)

1. Diseases could be prevented by treating and safely storing water, and ensuring proper waste disposal.
2. Diseases could be prevented by washing food, cooking properly, and maintaining clean hands and utensils.
3. Diseases could be prevented by using mosquito nets, protective clothing, and destroying mosquito breeding sites.
4. Diseases could also be prevented by limiting contact with animals and washing hands/wounds after exposure.
5. They could be prevented by avoiding shared personal items and contact with body fluids of animals.
6. Diseases could be prevented by washing hands regularly and thoroughly.

Unity Grammar School,
Obiagu Community,
Enugu North L.G.A,
Enugu State.

15 July, 2026.

The Executive Chairman,
Enugu North Local Government Council,
Council Secretariat,
Enugu.

Dear Sir,

NOTIFICATION OF WATER-BORNE EPIDEMIC AND APPEAL FOR
THE PROVISION OF PORTABLE WATER IN OBIAGU COMMUNITY

I write with a deep sense of concern to bring to your notice the outbreak of a water-borne epidemic in Obiagu Community, a situation that has arisen directly from our dependence on a poor and unsafe source of water over the years.

For the past three weeks, our community health center has been overwhelmed with cases of severe diarrhea, persistent vomiting, and typhoid fever among residents of all age groups, but particularly among children and the elderly who are more vulnerable to infection. From the records at the center, more than 40 people have been treated within this short period, and many others are still managing the illness at home due to the high cost of drugs and hospital care. The fear within the community at this time is very great, because each day brings new reports of people falling sick in different households across the area.

The root of this problem lies in the absence of a reliable source of portable water within Obiagu. At present, the only water available to over 5,000 residents is a stream located at the far end of the community. This stream serves as a source of water for drinking, cooking, washing, and bathing for most families. Unfortunately, the same stream is constantly polluted by runoff from nearby farms, by waste from refuse dumps along its banks, and by activities of people who use it for other domestic purposes. As a result of this contamination, the water has become unsafe for human consumption, yet residents have no alternative because there is neither a functional borehole nor a public tap within the community.

The effect of this situation on our people has been devastating. Parents now spend most of their limited income on treatment in chemists and in the health center, while traders and artisans lose valuable working hours in the course of caring for sick family members. School attendance has also dropped, because many pupils are either sick or are kept at home to look after their parents. If this condition is allowed to continue for a longer period, we are afraid that the number of casualties will increase and the entire community will be thrown into a state of health crisis.

It is for this reason that I am appealing to your office for urgent intervention. We humbly request your assistance in the provision of portable water for Obiagu Community through the sinking of at least two motorized boreholes in strategic locations that will be accessible to all residents. In addition to this long-term solution, we also seek your support for an immediate emergency supply of clean water through tankers, so that people will have something safe to drink while work is ongoing on the permanent project. We would also appreciate a health outreach from the L.G.A health department to sensitize our people on water hygiene and to provide free treatment for those already affected.

Sir, we believe that access to clean water is fundamental to the health and wellbeing of any community. As Chairman, your commitment to the welfare of the people of Enugu North is well known, and we have confidence that you will not allow this epidemic to continue unchecked. Our community is ready to cooperate fully with your office. We can provide land for the project and mobilize youths for labor and for the protection of facilities when they are installed.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We look forward to your swift response and to the day when our people will have access to clean and safe water.

Yours faithfully,
Chinedu Okoro
Sanitation Prefect,
U.G.S

ENGLISH ESSAY (TYPE G)

(NUMBER 4)

4. Write a story that illustrates the saying: Better late than never.

Once upon a time, in a small village there lived a boy called Chinedu. Chinedu was very bright but he had a bad habit of always being late. He would wake up late for school, rush to class after the bell had rung, and sometimes miss important lessons. His teachers often warned him, and his parents advised him many times, but he would promise to change and still go back to his old ways.

One day, the headmaster announced that there would be an essay competition in the school. The boy who came first would represent the school in a big competition in the town and also receive a prize. Chinedu was happy and decided he would take part. But there was a problem. He waited until the last day to start writing his essay. That day he had visitors at home, and by the time they left, it was already evening.

Chinedu felt very sad. He had no time left. He thought of giving up, but then he remembered his father's words, "Better late than never." He quickly sat down and wrote his essay through the night. He finished it just as the sun was rising.

The next morning, he rushed to school and submitted his essay, though he was the last to do so. The other boys laughed at him and said, "You are always late, Chinedu! What do you expect?" But he did not mind. He was just glad he didn't give up.

To everyone's surprise, Chinedu won the competition! The headmaster praised him for his effort and dedication. He went on to represent the school in the town competition and came out among the best. From that day, Chinedu changed. He became more serious and always tried to be on time.

The story of Chinedu teaches us that even if we are late in doing something, it is better to try our best than to give up completely. Indeed, Better late than never.