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0530 English Language 2

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ORDINARY LEVEL

Subject Title	English Language
Paper No.	Paper 2 SECTION A - Directed Writing SECTION B - Composition
Subject Code No.	0530

Two hours

Answer **BOTH** sections in the **SAME answer booklet**, beginning each section on a new page. Begin with SECTION A.

You are reminded of the necessity for good English and orderly presentation in your answers.

Read all instructions on **BOTH** the question paper and the answer booklet very carefully. Failure to obey these instructions or to number your work as on the question paper will cause you to lose marks.

Any unusual mark, sign or unnecessary disclosure of your identity will be considered as an attempt to cheat and will earn you a penalty.

In the Directed Writing question avoid indiscriminate copying of portions of the passage as your answer because this will earn you no marks.

A pre-prepared or memorised composition will earn you no marks.

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SECTION A

DIRECTED WRITING (30 marks)

MARK DISTRIBUTION:

Content	(14 marks)
Expression and Accuracy	(12 marks)
Slanting	(4 marks)

You are the Banana Project Manager of SOWEDA and wish that many more should plant and consume banana. Selecting relevant material from the passage below, write an article for SOWEDA Magazine on the importance of banana to the human body. Your article should be written in ONE paragraph of not more than 150 words. Pay attention to grammar, spelling, punctuation and handwriting.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BANANA

Banana is an elongated fruit with smooth yellow skin and soft creamy flesh, that grows in bunches produced by a tree-like plant with large elongated leaves and is related to the plantain. Although bananas like tropical climate, they do well with the use of greenhouses in temperate areas. Bananas keep ripening even after they are picked.

The edible portion of the banana fruit, which is easily digestible, is composed mainly of water and carbohydrates which provide energy to the human body. The unripe fruit contains more starch and less sugar compared to the ripe fruit. Although its fat and protein contents are very low, bananas are rich in some minerals, notably, phosphorus and calcium, which are necessary for bone development; potassium and eleven vitamins, among them vitamin A, B, C and dietary fiber. Bananas do not contain sodium and cholesterol.

The vitamin C which is found in bananas helps the body to defend and heal infections. This vitamin also proves valuable in the synthesis of connective tissues, absorption of iron and the formation of blood. Potassium is a mineral that helps in the building of muscles and protein synthesis. This is done as potassium stimulates nerve impulses for muscle contraction. A diet rich in potassium is said to reduce the risk of hypertension and stroke. As bananas are free from sodium and very rich in potassium, they can be included in the diet to reduce the risk of high blood pressure.

Bananas contain three natural sugars – sucrose, fructose and glucose. A banana thus gives an instant and substantial boost of energy. Its fiber content helps in lowering cholesterol level in the body. Also, the vitamin B content helps in the synthesis of antibodies in the immune system apart from red blood formation, protein metabolism, and functioning of the central nervous system. Banana helps in soothing an upset stomach and is also beneficial for those suffering from diarrhoea. Banana has been found to provide immediate relief to those having a hangover. Banana is said to help the alleviation of problems associated with premenstrual symptoms. A milkshake of fresh banana, nonfat frozen yoghurt and honey will ease headache and hydrate the body.

The vitamins and minerals in banana make a good post-exercise snack. The potassium content regulates blood chemistry (particularly pH) and prevents it from becoming too acidic, while the magnesium content helps a person in recovering from fatigue. Bananas have also been associated with brain stimulation.

SECTION B

COMPOSITION (40 marks)

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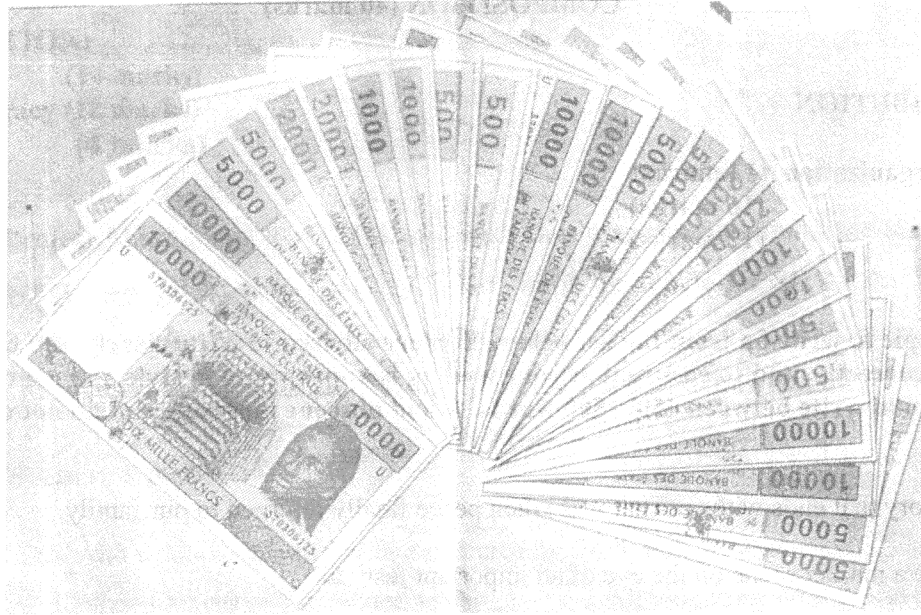
Content and Organization	(12 marks)
Expression	(16 marks)
Accuracy	(12 marks)

Choose ONE topic to write on from the list below. You are advised to write clearly and effectively, to spell and punctuate correctly, and to ensure that your writing is appropriate in style and content to the topic chosen. You should write between 450 – 500 words. Avoid obscene language and do not disclose your identity.

- a) Tell a story that ends with ... That was when peace finally returned to our family.
- b) Describe a market scene on the eve of an important festival.
- c) Women.
- d) Write about some negative habits that are leading young people astray. Suggest ways by which these habits could be avoided.
- e) Students should not do holiday jobs. Do you agree?
- f) Tell a story that illustrates the saying: Charity begins at home.
- g) Write a letter to your sister explaining how you made your mother angry and the consequences of your actions.
- h) Write a story, a description or other form of composition suggested by one of the following pictures. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or take some central suggestion(s) from it. There must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.

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PICTURE A



PICTURE B

