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### **PART I: EVALUATION OF RESOURCES**

#### **Section A: (GRAMMAR (10 MARKS))**

**Task 1: Here's a podcast about the fear of being without our mobile phones. Complete it with the most appropriate answers from brackets (0.5x6= 3 marks)**

**Host:** We all love our mobile phones, but are they making us unwell? Here to discuss this issue today is Dr. Flora, a psychologist, and the author of a new book, Nomophobia. Dr., What does nomophobia mean?

**Dr.:** Well, it's a long word, \_\_\_\_\_ (but, as, nor, or) I'm sure you're all familiar with this problem. It means the fear of losing, or being without, your mobile phone.

**Host:** And is it a very common problem?

**Dr.:** Yes, it is. More than half of all adults are \_\_\_\_\_ (affecting, affects, affected, affection) and we're seeing a big increase in the number of people who have a serious problem.

**Host:** How do we know if someone is nomophobic?

**Dr.:** Someone is nomophobic if they are very, very worried about being without their phone. People with this problem avoid separation from their phone at all times. They check their phone every \_\_\_\_\_ (much, many, few, less) minutes and even take it into the bath or shower!

**Host:** Well, that describes me! Do I have nomophobia?

**Dr.:** Maybe. But with nomophobia, there is a strong physical need for your phone.

**Host:** And why are you interested in nomophobia?

**Dr.:** I'm interested \_\_\_\_\_ (because, so, and, yet) some people with this problem behave very dangerously. If people read or send text messages while they're \_\_\_\_\_ (drive, drives, driving, have driver) they'll probably have a serious car accident.

**Host:** What should people do if they \_\_\_\_\_ (think, thought, thinks, thinking) they have nomophobia?

**Dr.:** Well, you should talk to a doctor or psychologist. We should also use our phones more carefully.

**Host:** That's great advice. I know I need to change how I use my phone. Thanks, Dr. Flora.

**Task 2: Complete the sentences below using the verbs in bracket in the correct form and as instructed in the brackets. (0.5x4= 2 marks)**

1. The Olympic Games are held every four years. If the Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) held every year, they wouldn't be so interesting.

2. A: What about doing exercise, do you like playing any sports?

B: Not really.

A: \_\_\_\_\_. I sometimes watch football but that's about it. (appropriate pro-form)

3. The project members only plant trees in the local area, \_\_\_\_\_? (question tag)

4. I came late. The meeting \_\_\_\_\_ (have/finish) when I arrived.

**Task 2: Rewrite the sentences as instructed in the brackets. (1x5= 5 marks)**

1. The attorney said that the government had not considered her client's basic human rights. (Rewrite in the opposite speech)

2. I was already looking for a new job, but my boss gave me a promotion. (create a third conditional)  
If my boss \_\_\_\_\_

3. I will go without you if you don't come early. (Start with "Unless")

4. I get up early every morning to go jogging. It isn't something new to me. (Start with "I am used to")

5. New companies have used drones to find areas that need trees (Rewrite in the *passive voice*)  
Drones \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10marks)

**Task 1:** Match the underlined idioms to their meanings in the tiles below (0.5x5= 2.5marks)

<u>Came to an end before producing a result</u>	<u>Increased very quickly</u>	<u>Go to bed</u>
<u>Start something (usually a work project)</u>	<u>Dominated a particular sector</u>	

1. Last month was incredible! Our sales went through the roof.

2. It has been difficult to become a successful search engine since Google cornered the market.

3. What time do you usually hit the sack?

4. Paulina's dream of a white wedding went up in smoke after her fiancé left her.

5. We really need to get the ball rolling on this project. The deadline is next month.

**Task 3:** Complete the podcast about infectious diseases by choosing the correct answer from the bracket.

(*resurgence, handwashing, symptoms, prevention, contagious, outbreaks*)

(0.5x5= 2.5 marks)

Cathy: Good afternoon Dr. Ben, welcome to Health Watch podcast.

Dr.: Good afternoon.

Cathy: Now, it appears that there are several \_\_\_\_\_ of some infectious diseases. Can you explain why?

Dr.: Yes, well there are a few factors that may be causing this \_\_\_\_\_. First of all, some scientists claim that because COVID-19 confined many people to their homes for almost two years young children did not get the normal exposure to seasonal viruses.

Cathy: Could you give us an example of a seasonal virus?

Dr.: Certainly. Respiratory syncytial virus or RSV. RSV is a very contagious respiratory infection that is making a resurgence at the moment. It is a very common virus that presents with mild \_\_\_\_\_ such as runny nose, cough, fever, sore throat.

Cathy: So, what makes it become serious?

Dr.: Because it is a respiratory infection it does get into the lungs, and may lead to pneumonia or a condition called bronchiolitis.

Cathy: What precautions can people take to avoid this virus?

Dr.: RSV is highly \_\_\_\_\_. For example, when an infected person coughs or sneezes, the droplets can stay on hard surfaces for many hours. So, like all viruses, frequent \_\_\_\_\_ is imperative. Also, people who are sick should stay at home.

**Task 2:** Here's a text about services at the bank. Complete it with suitable words of your own. (5 marks)

I just started working at my first job and didn't have anywhere to keep my money safely, so I visited the local branch of a large \_\_\_\_\_ so I could talk to them about opening an account. They were really nice and helped me to open a \_\_\_\_\_ account where the company I work for can pay my wages or salary each month. There is also a \_\_\_\_\_ account attached to it where I can save money for a holiday or a car. They are also going to send me a debit card that I can use for every day shopping without needing cash. I can also get a \_\_\_\_\_ card, which is really like borrowing money. They said if I visit a foreign country, I can order or exchange \_\_\_\_\_ through them too.

## **PART II: EVALUATION OF COMPETENCES**

### **SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 marks)**

Read the text below and answer the questions that follow. Use your own words as much as you can

#### **Flexible working - Reinforcing gender stereotypes**

There's no doubt that the ability to control when and where you work can be really useful for balancing work with family life. For example, being able to work from home means you can avoid (sometimes very long) commutes and pick traffic. And, in some cases, it can help you mix care or household work alongside your job. It allows workers to make tag-team parenting—where one starts early and does the school pickup, while the other does the drop-off and works later—a possibility.

Studies have shown that giving mothers access to flexible working arrangements reduces the possibility that they will drop out of the labour market after giving birth to their first child. It will also decrease the likelihood that they will reduce their working hours after the first or any further childbirth. Reduced working hours and moving into part-time jobs are the most important causes of the continuing gender wage gap, so this flexibility may help to reduce it.

But there are downsides to flexible working as it can lead to people working more overtime, according to research. Plus, men, on average, are more likely than women to work longer hours. They also tend to worry about work when not at work and worry less about the demands they face in the house.

Many women, especially mothers or those with care responsibilities, do not feel like they can expand their working days. And, when mothers work flexibly and work from home, studies show they increase their time and activities in the household in a way that fathers do not. This shows that flexible working may even reinforce traditional gender roles—men working longer and women increasing their care duties.

When mothers use flexible working, they are also more likely to face flexibility stigma—the idea that they are less committed and less productive.

This does not mean that flexible working in itself is a problem. But, equally, we cannot expect that flexible work will automatically help reduce gender inequality. To enable a better use of flexible working, a few things need to be in place:— When gender norms are more progressive, flexible working is less likely to lead to traditional gender roles being reinforced.— If more people work flexibly and overwork is less common, then flexible working is also likely to result in better outcomes.— We need to challenge some of our ideas of men's and women's roles at home. These changes are needed, especially if flexible working is to help reduce the gender wage gap and create a better work-life balance for all.

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#### **Questions**

1. How can flexible working help you save time travelling to work? (1 mark)

2. What is 'tag-team parenting'? (2 marks)

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3. Give two drawbacks or disadvantages of flexible working. (2marks)

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4. What is the 'flexibility stigma'? (1 mark)

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5. Currently, does flexible working tend to reinforce or weaken traditional gender roles? How? (2 marks)

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6. Find phrases in the passage which mean... (2 marks)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ (paragraph 2) the act of taking somebody/something to a place  
b) \_\_\_\_\_ (paragraph 5) responsibilities towards your children and home

**Section D: COMPOSITION (10 Marks)**

**Task:** Write an essay of at least 250-300 words on ONE of the following topics

**Topic 1:** "NTV" announced on their website that they are hiring a senior news presenter to join their team of senior journalists. As a professional with a rich work experience, apply for this position to the programme director of NTV. You may want to highlight your qualifications, work experience with emphasis on your roles, your motivation to leave your current job. Your name is Tah Kamalo, your address PO Box 237, Sabakwa.

**Topic 3:** You are a school counsellor and you have been asked by your principal to advise students on how to study and show them better methods of studying, not only so that they can pass with flying colours, but also that they retain information and develop excellent work characteristics that employers look for in new graduates. On the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of National Guidance and Counselling Day, write a speech that you will present to the students. Your name is Konga Flora and the name of your school is Sabakwa College.

**Topic 4:** Moral depravity has become a call for concern in recent years. Every two months or so, intimate and indecent videos featuring students, celebrities or influencers are released. How do these short movies find their way to the web? What are their impacts on the youth and what can be done to preserve moral values even on the internet? In *The Herald* newspaper, write an article to present the result of your investigation on these crucial questions. Your name is Jason Black.