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. Write a story to illustrate the saying: *There is light at the end of the tunnel.*

2. Write an article suitable for publication in a national daily on the effects of electoral malpractice on democracy.

3. Write a letter to the Minister of Defence of your country drawing his attention to the *security challenges in the country and suggesting ways of tackling them.*

4. You are the chief speaker in a debate on the topic: *Globalisation is a Threat to Cultural Preservation.* Write your arguments *for* or *against* the motion.

SECTION B

COMPREHENSION

[20 Marks]

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

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions on it.
Tersoo could not continue with his academic career due to his checkered academic performance in school. His parents concentrated on his elder brother, Joseph, who undeniably, was a genus. Joseph was consistently on top of his class throughout his primary and secondary education, and capped it up with a brilliant performance in the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE). This feat earned him a scholarship to study medicine in one of the renowned universities in the country.

Before his departure to school, a party was organized to celebrate what his father termed "the first of its kind" in the history of Amu Clan. Relatives, friends and well-wishers were invited to felicitate with the family over the academic milestone. A lot of money was lavished to provide his personal effect in school. On the other hand, Tersoo was apprenticed to his maternal uncle to learn tailoring in the next town after secondary education.

In one of his visits to the family house to see his parents (that was about two years after), Tersoo noticed that Joseph was unusually *furtive*. He would lock himself up in the room almost a whole day without talking to anyone. He tried to draw their father's attention to this strange behavior, but he dismissed any negative implication, saying that he was rather *engrossed* with his academic work.

At work one day, Tersoo got the wind that his brother was expelled from the university, having been found culpable of drug abuse and membership of one of the dreaded cults on campus. The news hit the family like a bombshell! The disappointment that ensued caused their father psychosomatic breakdown. Immediately, he developed high blood pressure (BP) that later degenerated into stroke. Their mother had to liquidate her petty business to offset medical bills.

Joseph disappeared from the house, and Tersoo became the bread-winner of the house. From the little earnings from the shop which his uncle had established for him, he was able to buy food for the family and take care of his father's medical expenses.

This story teaches that parents should not be obsessed with the intellectual well-being of their children at the expense of sound moral training. Academic excellence without *saintliness* is a nullity. The two must go hand in hand to mold a total individual.

a. Why did Tersoo give up his academic career? **(2 marks)**

b. How did Joseph justify his academic process? **(2 marks)**

c. How did Joseph's father celebrate his success? **(2 marks)**

d. What did Tersoo notice in his brother? **(2 marks)**

e. What was their father's reaction when he was noticed of Joseph's strange behavior? **(2 marks)**

f. Before his departure to school.....
   i. What grammatical name is given to the expression above? **(1 mark)**
   ii. What is its function in the sentence? **(2 marks)**

g. Why was Joseph expelled from the university? **(1 mark)**

h. In **one** sentence, explain how Joseph's expulsion affected the family. **(2 marks)**

i. Find one word or phrase which is nearest in meaning to, and can replace each of the following words as used in the passage.

   i. Checkered
   ii. Virtue
   iii. Furtive
   iv. Engrossed
   v. Liquidated
   vi. Saintliness

One mark for each correct answer, i.e. 1 mark × 6 = 6 marks

SUMMARY

[30 Marks]

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

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

When I was struggling with insomnia coupled with the pot-belly I developed that has deformed my shape, I began to look for solutions rather than causes. One day, while sitting at the balcony upstairs our story building, I saw a stout young black man with a pot-belly like me walking from one end of the street to another repeatedly. I began to wonder what the problem was. With my high level of curiosity, I quickly ran downstairs and walk to him to enquire. "Young man, I sighted you afar walking from one end of the street to another severally, what is the matter? I asked".

The Young man took a deep breath which was an indication of exhaustion before responding. "Sir, I want to lose weight and cut down fats from this pot-belly. Walking is a form of exercise. It is one of the simplest yet most effective type of exercise. It requires no special equipment, can be done anywhere, and offers numerous advantages, whether you are aiming to lose weight, burn calories, boost your mood, increase your agility, or improve your overall wellbeing, walking can be the key to achieving your goals".

To ascertain this, I visited my doctor and explained my situation in relation to the young man's explication. The doctor elucidated vividly on it and this corroborated the young man's position. Furthermore, the doctor enumerated the benefits associated with walking to our health and wellbeing.

Firstly, the doctor affirmed that if you are struggling with insomnia or poor sleep quality. Walking might be the perfect solution. Regular physical activities such as walking helps regulate the sleep-wake cycle and promotes better sleep patterns. Walking, especially during daylight hours also helps to adjust your internal system, making it easier to fall asleep and wake up strong and healthy as well as feeling refreshed.

Secondly, he unequivocally stated that of the most well known benefits of walking is its ability to help with weight management. For instance, regular walking burns calories, which can contribute to weight loss and maintenance. According to medical experts, brisk walking for thirty minutes can burn approximately one hundred and fifty calories, depending on your weight and walking pace. This calories burn serve as evidence that walking is a valuable component of any weight loss strategy.

Thirdly, walking helps to improve the mental health of an individual. It is good for the body and also beneficial to the mind. For example, frequent walking can help reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, improve one's mood and boost the overall mental wellbeing of the walker. Walking helps the body to release endorphins, also known as "feel-good" hormones which can enhance your mood and reduce stress. Walking out-doors provides the added benefit of fresh air and nature, which can further improve mental health.

Fourthly, walking can help one who is slothful or feeling sluggish. Research shows that engaging in regular walks increases oxygen flow throughout the body and helps boost energy levels. Unlike other forms of exercise that might leave you feeling drained,

walking energies and revitalises, making it an excellent option for those looking to increase their daily activity without over exertion.
In addition, walking can boost the immune system, making one less susceptible to illness and diseases attack. Frequent walking promotes the circulation of immune cells in the body, helping them to do their job more effectively. This can lead to a reduced incidence of common illness like cold and flu.
More so, walking is one of the major therapies for heart health. For a better functioning of the heart, walking helps to improve circulation, reduce cholesterols levels, and lower blood pressure. Studies have shown that walking at least thirty minutes a day, five days a week, can reduce the risk of coronary heart disease. By incorporating walking into your routine, you can strengthen your heart and reduce the likelihood of cardiovascular issues. These and many more are the benefits of this simple exercise. Go and practice it. Your pot-belly and the insomnia will disappear.
Finally, it is important to develop a culture that will help you imbibe this activity into daily routine start small if you are new to it. Start with short distances and gradually increase your time and pace. Set goals for your walking routine. Use a pedometer or fitness tracker to monitor your progress. Make it enjoyable by listening to music, audiobooks or podcasts. Walk with a buddy. It will keep you motivated and make the time pass more quickly.
This was actually what helped me and I am living a good and healthy life today.

In **six** sentences, **one** from each summarize the benefits of walking to our health. **(30 mark**

ENGLISH (TYPE C)
COMPREHENSION
(5)

(a) Tersoo gave up his academic career because of his poor academic performance.

(b) He got a scholarship to study medicine for his efforts.

(c) Joseph's father organized a big party and called it "the first of its kind" in Amu clan history.

(d) Tersoo noticed that his brother, Joseph was unusually furtive and locked himself in his room all day.

(e) Their father dismissed it, saying Joseph was just busy with academic work.

(f) (i) Adverbial phrase of time
(ii) Modifies the verb "was organized"

(g) Joseph was expelled from for drug abuse and membership of a dreaded cult.

(h) It caused their father to have a stroke, forcing their mother to sell her business and Tersoo to become the breadwinner.

(i) (i) Checkered → poor
(ii) Virtue → morality
(iii) Furtive → secretive
(iv) Engrossed → preoccupied
(v) Liquidated → sold off
(vi) Saintliness → Godliness

ENGLISH (TYPE C)
SUMMARY
(6)

Walking helps reset our body clock so we can sleep better at night and wake up feeling more energetic.

Going for regular brisk walks burns calories and supports both losing weight and keeping it off.

Walking triggers the release of endorphins that can lift our mood, ease stress, and fight anxiety and depression.

A simple walk can boost oxygen circulation, leaving us feeling more alert and less tired instead of worn out.

Walking regularly can get our immune cells moving, which will help protect us from catching colds and flu.

Daily walking can strengthen our heart by improving blood flow, cutting cholesterol, and lowering blood pressure.

ENGLISH ESSAY (TYPE C)

(1)

There Is Light at the End of the Tunnel

When Ada's father lost his job at the textile factory in Enugu, their home became very quiet. For 18 years his salary had taken care of rent, food, and school fees. In 2023, the company closed down without warning, and 200 families were left without income. For Ada, who was in SS3, this happened at the worst possible time because WAEC and NECO were approaching.

The months that followed were very hard. Her father applied to many companies in Enugu and Onitsha, but there were no openings. To survive, he started riding a keke for someone else, and the little money he made was barely enough for food. Ada's mother began selling akara by the roadside every morning from 05:00 hrs. Ada tried to focus on her studies, but it was not easy. She often read with a torchlight at night because they could not buy fuel. Some days she went to school without breakfast, and she stopped attending group lessons because she had no money to contribute.

One night, Ada told her father she wanted to quit school and help her mother sell. He held her hand and said, "This is a tunnel, my daughter. It is dark now, but there is light at the end of it. We just have to keep walking." His words gave her strength. So she kept waking up early to help fry akara, then rushed to school. After classes, she went to the cybercafé to use free WiFi for lessons. She borrowed textbooks and copied notes whenever she could.

Things almost got worse in December when their landlord gave them a quit notice. Ada felt like giving up, but her father reminded her that they had faced problems before and survived. Then, two weeks before WAEC, a call came through. His former supervisor told him about a new company in Enugu that needed supervisors. Mr. Obi applied and got the job. With his first salary, they paid Ada's school fees and registered her for NECO.

With that burden gone, Ada wrote her exams with peace of mind. When the results came out, she had 7 A's and 2 B's. She also gained admission to study Accounting at UNN on scholarship because of her good grades.

Today, the story is different. Her father has a stable job, her mother now runs a small food shop, and Ada is in 200 level. When people ask her how she made it through that tough year, she smiles and says, "There was a time we saw only darkness. But my father was right. If you keep going, you will find that there is light at the end of the tunnel."

ENGLISH ESSAY (TYPE C)

(3)

No. 14 Independence Layout,
Enugu, Enugu State.
15 July, 2026.

The Honourable Minister,
Federal Ministry of Defence,
Ship House, Abuja.

Dear Honourable Minister,

AN APPEAL CONCERNING THE SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE COUNTRY AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDRESSING THEM

I write with great respect to draw your attention to the increasing security challenges across different parts of our country, and to offer some suggestions on how these problems can be tackled for the peace and progress of our nation.

Over the last few years, the issue of insecurity has become a major concern to citizens in both urban and rural areas. In the North East, activities of insurgents have continued to affect lives and properties despite the efforts of our gallant soldiers. In the North West and North Central, cases of banditry, kidnapping, and attacks on farming communities have made movement on highways and in villages very dangerous. In the South East and South, there have been reports of cult clashes, armed robbery, and destruction of public facilities. These incidents have created fear among the people and have also affected farming, business, and education in many communities.

One of the major effects of this situation is on the economy. Farmers can no longer go to their farms without fear of attack, and as a result food prices have gone up in markets across the country. Investors are also reluctant to come into areas with a history of violence. Parents are afraid of sending their children to school in some regions, and many youths are being forced to abandon their businesses and relocate to other states for safety. The morale of our security personnel is also being tested, because they are working under very difficult conditions with limited resources.

In light of the problems above, I humbly wish to suggest a few ways through which the situation can be improved. First, there is a need for better equipment and welfare for our security agencies. Soldiers, policemen, and other operatives at the front lines require modern weapons, communication gadgets, vehicles, and protective gear in order to confront criminals effectively. At the same time, their salaries and allowances should be paid promptly in order to boost their morale and commitment to duty.

Second, intelligence gathering should be strengthened at the community level. Traditional rulers, vigilante groups, and youth leaders know their areas very well and can provide useful information to security agencies about suspicious movements. A good working relationship between the military, the police, and local structures will help in preventing attacks before they occur.

Third, the government should invest more in job creation and youth empowerment, Many young people are being recruited into crime because of poverty and unemployment. If skill acquisition centres and small business support are provided in different parts of the country, many youths will channel their energy into productive ventures instead of violence.

Fourth, there should be improved coordination among the various security agencies. When the army, police, DSS, and civil defence work together with a common strategy, operations against criminals will be more effective and there will be less duplication of effort.

Honourable Minister, we believe that with strong leadership, adequate funding, and cooperation from citizens, the security challenges facing our country can be overcome. The Nigerian people are resilient, and they are ready to support every effort aimed at restoring peace and order across the nation.

Thank you for your service to our country. I trust that this letter will receive your urgent attention, and I look forward to seeing positive changes in the security situation across Nigeria.

Yours faithfully,

Emeka Ajah