EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ESWATINI
Junior Certificate Examination

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH **120/02**

Paper 2 (Unseen Text) **October/November 2025**

1 hours 30 minutes

Additional Materials : Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Follow the instructions on the front cover of the booklet.
Write your name, centre Number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
Write in **dark blue** or **black ink**.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **one** question. **Either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.
At the end of the examination fasten all your work securely together.
Both questions in this paper are worth 20 marks.

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Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2

Either

1 Read the passage below from a story about a little girl's birthday.

What are your feelings towards Kamillah as you read the passage?

In your response, you may consider the following:
- Kamillah's attitude
- The way she interacts with others throughout the passage
- The writer's choice of words
- Your feelings as you read.

The bell finally rang. "Hurry up, Greta," Kami called to her friend impatiently.
"Hold your horses," said Greta. "The anticipation[1] is much of the fun."
As the girls hurried home, a rescue truck came screeching by. "It's going down our street!" Kami said with alarm, and both girls froze. When it stopped, they raced in unison to see what had happened. A policeman had arrived first, and the rescue workers, leaping from their truck with first aid equipment, followed him inside. The girls stopped, short of breath.

"Oh, let's go; it's only old Mrs. Petrovsky," Kami panted in relief.
Greta frowned with annoyance. "No. Don't you want to see what happened?"

"What I want to see are my birthday presents. Come on," Kami declared selfishly, tugging at Greta's elbow.
Greta jerked away. "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Petrovsky could be dying, and you're worried about gifts?"

"What do I care? She's Jewish anyway."

"Kami!" Greta was aghast. "Mrs. Petrovsky is your neighbor. She's never hurt you, and you barely know her. How can you possibly hate her?" Greta retaliated in a whisper.
A crowd had gathered, and she didn't want to be overheard.
Kami took the hint and whispered back. "I know all I need to know to hate her. She's a Jew; that's reason enough."

"How can you say such a thing?"

"Easily. I'm Palestinian, remember?"

"Your ancestors were Palestinian," Greta corrected her.

"Right, and Jews are the enemies of all my relatives, past and present," Kami declared righteously.

"Don't be ridiculous," Greta argued. "You're as American as I am, and your prejudice[2] isn't based on real facts, only on things you've heard other people say. That can work both ways. My ancestors are German. I wouldn't expect Mrs. Petrovsky to hold the Holocaust against me!"

'Well, I value my heritage[3] and my grandparents' opinions, even if other people don't value theirs!"
Just then, the rescue squad workers emerged from the house with Mrs. Petrovsky on a stretcher. The girls heard them tell some concerned neighbors that Mrs. Petrovsky had had trouble breathing, but was already improving. "We're taking her to the hospital as a precaution."

"Whew! Good news!" Greta stated happily.
Kami only said, "You coming to my house or not?"

"I'm going home," Greta said glumly, her day spoiled by Kami's attitude.

"Fine go home," Kami replied crossly.

"Happy birthday, anyway," Greta muttered downheartedly. She had seen an ugly, bitter side to her friend that she never would have guessed was there.

She'll get over it," Kami said to herself as she shrugged nonchalantly4 and continued on her way home.

She burst into the house excitedly, checking the desk first for her mail. "All right, Mom, where is it?" She said after opening her cards.

"Where's what?" her mother asked. *45*

"The gift from my fairy godmother."

"I hate to disappoint you, but there isn't one this year, Kami."

"Good joke, Mom. Where'd you hide it?"

"I'm not kidding, Kami; I'm as surprised as you are."

Glossary:

1. Anticipation: expectation
2. Prejudice: unfair feeling of dislike for a person
3. Heritage: a special possession or legacy
4. Nonchalantly: casual or careless

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Or

2 Read the following poem by Suruchi Salhotra who shares her childhood memories.

What are the speaker's feelings about her childhood?

In your response you may consider the following:
- The speaker's attitude about his childhood
- The poet's use of language
- Your feelings as you read the poem
- Any other ideas that might come to you as you read this poem.

Childrens Day

Oh! Children's day Oh! Children's day,
Childhood memories on my way.
I remember when I was a child,
Those beautiful days I can't define.
So much fun every time,
And I always carries sunshine smile.
Oh! Children's day..

My childhood was full of colours,
Everything I got without any struggle.
I used to like every toy,
But Barbie doll brings me joy.
Oh! Children's day...

In my childhood my mind was clear,
All of my relations[1] called me dear.
Everyone shows me a pure love,
Nowadays it is very tough.
Oh! Children's day...

It was the time when everyone was friend,
No sorrows, No regrets.
My childhood was so alluring[2],
As God's love continuselly pouring.
Oh! Children's day...

Childhood was a precious gift,
That I again want to live.
Oh! God give me one chance,
To live my childhood that I want.
Oh! Children's day....

Glossary

1. Relations: relative
2. Alluring: strongly attractive

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