

The Papua New Guinea University of Technology

**2019-NON-SCHOOL LEAVER ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-  
LANGUAGE PAPER**

Time: 3 HOURS

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED.
2. WRITE DOWN THE NAME OF THE PROGRAM YOU INTEND TO TAKE UP AT THE UNIVERSITY IN 2020.
3. THIS EXAMINATION IS COMPRISED OF FOUR SECTIONS. WITH SECTION 1, THERE ARE FOUR PARTS TO IT. YOU WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE ALL THE FOUR SECTIONS, AS WELL AS THE FOUR PARTS TO SECTION 1.
4. BE MINDFUL OF ENGLISH USAGE FOR MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR INCORRECT USE OF ENGLISH.
5. SHOULD YOU WISH TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR ANSWERS, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE NEW ANSWERS ARE CLEAR, EASY TO READ AND UNDERSTOOD.
6. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH SECTION CAREFULLY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ACCORDINGLY.
7. CHECK THAT YOU HAVE PAGES 1-7 IN THIS EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER. THE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER CONTENTS AND MARKS ARE AS FOLLOW:

## AWARD OF MARKS

<b>SECTION 1: GRAMMAR SKILLS</b>	28 Marks
<b>SECTION 2: CLOZE READING PASSAGE</b>	12 Marks
<b>SECTION 3: READING COMPREHENSION</b>	10 Marks
<b>SECTION 4: WRITTEN EXPRESSION</b>	25 Marks
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75 Marks</b>

**SECTION 1: GRAMMAR SKILLS****(28 MARKS)****Part A: SUBJECT-VERB & PPRONOUN-REFERENCE AGREEMENT (10 marks)****Instruction**

In the following sentences, select the correct verb in the parenthesis that agrees with the subject.

1. Either my mother or my father (is, are) coming to the meeting.
2. The dog or the cats (is, are) outside.
3. Either my shoes or your coat (was, were) always on the floor.
4. George and Tamara (doesn't, don't) want to see that movie.
5. One of my sisters (is, are) going on a trip to France.
6. The man with all the birds (live, lives) on my street.
7. The movie, including all the previews, (take, takes) about two hours to watch.
8. The players, as well as the captain, (want, wants) to win.
9. Either answer (is, are) acceptable.
10. Every one of those books (is, are) fiction.

**Part B: DICTION – USING THE CORRECT WORD****(6 marks)****Instruction**

Write down the correct term from the two choices given in the parenthesis, in each of the following sentences.

1. The (stationary/stationery) in the bookshop is expensive.
2. The deserts (complement/compliment) the food we eat.
3. He applied (break/brake) to avoid crashing into another vehicle.
4. Rainy whether made the golf (course/coarse) unsuitable for playing.
5. The lecturer gave the students his (piece/peace) of mind when they came late.
6. Do not (stair/stare) at strangers as it is rude.

**Part C: ERRORS IN SENTENCES-GENERAL****(6 marks)****Instruction:**

Each of the six sentences below has an error. Identify the error and write beside each of the five numbers, the error and its correct version.

Example: 1. One of the umbrellas are mine.

1. I go to the store and bought milk.
2. I will eat fish and drank milk for dinner yesterday.
3. Are the news on at five or six?
4. He is taller\_of the three brothers.
5. He never wants\_to play with him in the first place.
6. Whom did you call yesterday?

## Part D: PUNCTUATION

(6 marks)

### Instruction

Insert correct punctuation marks (*full stop, semi-colon, colon, punctuation marks, apostrophe, capital letters, comma, dash*) where they are needed. Rewrite each sentence to do this and **box in** [ ] the placement of the punctuations). If the sentence is correct, write **C** in your answer booklet.

First one has been done as an example here.

*Dorothy, would you kindly lower the volume of the TV.*

1. We had a great time in France the kids really enjoyed it.
2. Some people work best in the mornings others do better in the evenings.
3. What are you doing next weekend
4. Mother had to go into hospital she had heart problems.
5. Did you understand why i was upset?
6. It is a fine idea let us hope that it is going to work.

## SECTION 2: CLOZE READING PASSAGE

(12 MARKS)

### *Instruction:*

Read the excerpt below carefully. Use the most appropriate word to complete well the blank spaces in the passage. Write your answers in the answer booklet.

PNG's 2020 census: an opportune time to consider redrawing electoral boundaries?

The next National Census for Papua New Guinea (PNG) will occur in 2020. The census could provide an opportunity 1. \_\_\_\_\_ PNG to tackle the problem of 2. \_\_\_\_\_ mal-apportionment. But the challenges will 3. \_\_\_\_\_ significant.

Mal-apportionment exists when some electorates 4. \_\_\_\_\_ much larger populations than others. Mal-apportionment 5. \_\_\_\_\_ thought to be an issue because 6. \_\_\_\_\_ means that people living in smaller 7. \_\_\_\_\_ are (in an arithmetic sense) better 8. \_\_\_\_\_ in parliament.

In PNG, there is 9. \_\_\_\_\_ additional reason to be concerned with 10. \_\_\_\_\_ in open seats: District Services Improvement 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (DSIP) funding is the same (K10 million) for 12. \_\_\_\_\_ open electorates, regardless of their population, which means that smaller electorates receive more funding on a per capita basis.

**Source:** Development policy blog, (2019). *PNG's 2020 census: an opportune time to consider redrawing electoral boundaries?* Retrieved 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, from: <https://devpolicy.org/pngs-2020-census-an-opportune-time-to-consider-redrawing-electoral-boundaries-20190925/>

### SECTION 3: READING COMPREHENSION

(10 MARKS)

Instruction:

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

#### Water Supply and Sanitation in Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea's (PNG's) basic water supply and sanitation needs are large. Today, an estimated 4.2 million Papua New Guineans, which is 61% of the population—do not have access to safe water, and approximately 3.8 million people, or 55% of the population, do not have access to improved sanitation.

With a backdrop of high population growth and declining coverage rates, over the last two decades, the absolute number of people without access to water supply and sanitation has grown by 73% for improved sanitation and 67% for safe water. The Millennium Development Goal targets for water supply and sanitation are thus out of reach, and unless there is significant increase in investment and profound sector reform to address bottlenecks, so are the less ambitious national targets set in the Medium Term Development Plan for the year 2030.

The benefits to PNG of increased access to water and sanitation are significant: improved health of people through reduction in diarrhea, malnutrition, and stunting; increased time and household income through safe and convenient water supply; greater productivity leading to economic development and higher rates of gross domestic product; and business and tourism development.

However, water and sanitation are given a low priority in the country. The rural sanitation and rural water supply subsectors are especially overlooked and are in most need of government and external support because more than 90% of people without access to services live in rural areas. The growing peri-urban areas in larger towns and cities are also un-served and deserve immediate attention. Urban settlements, especially in Port Moresby, have a grim future of health and living conditions given the increasing in-migration driven by the boom economy and PNG's legal restrictions that prohibit new water connections from being established on land without formal title.

*(Water Supply and Sanitation in Papua New Guinea July 2013)*

**QUESTION 1**

Why is it important to urgently address water and sanitation needs in PNG? This is:

- A. to minimize health risks.
- B. to meet set global targets.
- C. because of high population.
- D. both A & B.

**QUESTION 2**

How will access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation services benefit Papua New Guineans? By having:

- A. improved health services.
- B. greater economic output.
- C. fewer people getting sick.
- D. none of the above.

**QUESTION 3**

Why is there a greater need for government support for rural water and sanitation services? This is because:

- A. more people are without water & sanitation.
- B. rural people need the service.
- C. of the poor government support.
- D. more people live in rural areas.

**QUESTION 4**

What does the word “grim” as used in the above text mean? It means:

- A. terrible.
- B. poor.
- C. bad.
- D. severe.

**QUESTION 5**

What does the word “backdrop” mean, as used in the above text? It means:

- A. conditions.
- B. environment.
- C. background.
- D. setting.

**QUESTION 6**

In the text, the word “absolute” is used as;

- A. a verb.
- B. a noun.
- C. an adverb.
- D. an adjective.

**QUESTION 7**

The word “convenient” as used in the above text means:

- A. close.
- B. accessible.
- C. nearby.
- D. handy.

**QUESTION 8**

The phrase “declining coverage rates” is used to mean:

- A. reduced amounts of water & sanitation service.
- B. decreasing levels of accessibility to water & sanitation service.
- C. lower levels of water and sanitation service.
- D. worsening levels of water and sanitation service.

**QUESTION 9**

What does the phrase “water and sanitation are given a low priority” as used in the above text mean? It means it is:

- A. not an essential service.
- B. a service with less value.
- C. a service with less status.
- D. a service not needed.

**QUESTION 10**

How will access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation benefit a family living an urban settlement in PNG? By:

- A. improved family well-being.
- B. improved living standards.
- C. pay less on health services.
- D. all of the above.

**SECTION 4: WRITTEN EXPRESSION (25 MARKS)****Instruction**

1. In FOUR short, but clear paragraphs, provide **TWO reasons** why you choose to study at Papua New Guinea University of Technology (PNGUOT) by being enrolled with the respective academic department of your choice in 2020.
2. Title of your essay is: **Reasons why I Choose to Study at Papua New Guinea University of Technology in 2020.**
3. In this essay, you are expected to express your reasons clearly. You may do that by structuring your essay in this manner:
  - a. the essay comprise of four paragraphs,
  - b. the first paragraph be your introduction,
  - c. a body (2 paragraphs) will comprise of two reasons, and
  - d. the last paragraph will be a conclusion.

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