



BOTSWANA EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL  
Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Comprehension and Summary

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2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.  
No additional materials are required.

Do not write in any of the  
BARCODES on the cover page  
or inside the question papers

CANDIDATE NAME

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Write the Candidate name and the  
Centre name in the spaces provided

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Shade using an HB pencil, do not  
use ink.

Erase unwanted marks  
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Mark answers by shading the oval  
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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Answer **all** questions.

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided.

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Write your answers in the space provided in the question paper.

Do not use highlighters or correction fluid.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

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Do not write anything outside the margins on the left and right of each page.

**Passage A** [10 marks]

Read passage A in the insert and then answer question 1 (a) – (i).

*Before the main text:*

1 (a) What is the app developer’s occupation?

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..... [1]

*From paragraph 2*

(b) Explain how the app makes it easy for clients to search for different properties.

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..... [1]

*From paragraph 3*

(c) What led Mosimanegape to develop the app?

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..... [1]

(d) Identify a phrase of five consecutive words that shows that a customer can get information instantly.

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..... [1]

*From paragraph 4*

(e) Explain how Mosimanegape made sure that the app could be relied on.

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..... [1]

*From paragraph 5*

(f) “The real estate industry will be a walk in the park.”  
Explain the meaning of the phrase in italics.

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(g) Why do you think the app is free in the meantime?

.....  
..... [1]

For questions (h) – (j), a word from the passage is followed by a list of possible meanings. In each case, choose the word that is closest in meaning to the word as it is used in the passage. Put a tick in the box alongside the answer you choose.

*From paragraph 2*

(h) harbours

holds

retreats

hides

ports

[1]

*From paragraph 4*

(i) expertise

accomplishment

perfection

quality

skill

[1]

*From paragraph 6*

(j) applied

requested

attained

used

claimed

[1]



**Passage B [10 marks]**

Read passage B in the insert and then answer question 2 (a) – (i).

*From paragraph 1*

2 (a) Identify a phrase that shows farmers are encouraged to start something new.

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..... [1]

*From paragraph 2*

(b) Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as interring in paragraph 2?

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..... [1]

(c) What does the word “just” imply about the soil fertility test?

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..... [1]

*From paragraph 3*

(d) Give one thing which makes good feed for animals.

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..... [1]

*From paragraph 4*

(e) In your own words explain what happens to the cotton in the presence of microbes and bacteria in the soil.

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..... [2]

(f) Explain what arable fields are.

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.....  
..... [1]

(g) Why is cotton used as a soil test?

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..... [1]

*From paragraph 5*

(h) What happens to the briefs if the soil is dead?

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..... [1]

(i) Why is the elastic not destroyed?

.....  
..... [1]



Passage C [40 marks]

Read passage C in the insert and then answer question 3 (a) – (j).

*From paragraph 1*

3 (a) Quote a phrase of **two** words that refers to the alarm call from the monkeys.

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..... [1]

*From paragraph 3*

(b) **Explain fully in your own words** the phrase lightning-fast as used to describe the movement of the crocodile.

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..... [1]

(c) Why does the author like this particular safari more than any other?

.....  
..... [1]

*From paragraph 4*

(d) Why did the men who had to cook the food drive ahead in a separate vehicle?

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..... [1]

(e) Why was the array of cakes and bread astonishing?

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..... [1]

*From paragraph 6*

(f) **Explain in your own words** what has led to Botswana having the largest herds of elephants on the continent.

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..... [3]

(g) What advantage does viewing lions in Botswana have over viewing them in East Africa?

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.....  
..... [2]

*From paragraph 8*

(h) Why can you see animals from a distance of several miles from late May to early October?

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..... [2]

(i) From the whole passage choose **three** of the following words. For each of them, give **one** word or a short phrase (**of not more than seven words**), which has the same meaning as the word has in the passage.

(i) spotted (line 3)

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(ii) vivid (line 23)

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(iii) assured (line 26)

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(iv) terrific (line 52)

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(v) bond (line 54)

..... [3]



