

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 – 2024

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MODULE NAME:	ENGLISH III
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TEACHER'S NAME:	Anil	DURATION:	2 hrs.
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Questions to be answered on:	Allowed requirements	Number of pages
Space provided on the question paper	Pen/pencil	(Incl. Cover Page): 7

Points of Attention:

- For each question, the maximum earned points are mentioned between brackets at the end of each question.
- Write very clearly! Answers that are not readable are not marked and don't get points!
- Make sure your answers are written to the point.
- All answers should be written **in English**.
- Write all the answers **in blue or black pen only**.
- When finished, submit the question paper together with the answer scripts and the signed cover page to the invigilator.
- Any cheating/copying may result in an instant failing of the examination.

FINAL MARKS	
STUDENT NAME:	10
STUDENT ID:	45

Number of answer scripts:

Invigilator:

Student's signature:

Time of receipt:

READING

[20 Marks]

Text 1. Read the text below and answer the following questions.

The Suez Canal Blockage: A Tale of a Stuck Ship

In March 2021, the world was captivated by an extraordinary event that unfolded in the Suez Canal, one of the busiest waterways on the planet. A massive container ship named the Ever Given, became lodged sideways in the canal, halting maritime traffic and causing a global disruption in trade.

The Suez Canal, located in Egypt, serves as a vital link between the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea, providing a shortcut for ships traveling between Europe and Asia. It is approximately 120 miles long and allows vessels to avoid the lengthy and often perilous journey around the southern tip of Africa. The Suez Canal, one of the world's most important trading routes, was opened in 1869. By 2021, approximately fifty ships per day travelled through the canal, about 12 percent of total global trade at the time. For much of its length, however, the canal is not wide enough to allow two ships to pass each other; convoys of ships must take turns transiting these segments of the waterway. An expansion project is underway, but significant portions of the canal remain single-laned.

The Ever Given, operated by the Evergreen Marine Corporation, is one of the largest container ships in the world, measuring over 1,300 feet in length and capable of carrying thousands of containers. On March 23, 2021, while navigating through the Suez Canal, the ship encountered strong winds and a sandstorm, which caused it to turn off course and become stuck diagonally across the canal. Before the incident, Ever Given had sailed through the canal 22 times. The captain, Bill Kavanagh, has described sailing through the Suez Canal as "a very complex and high-risk operation". Wind gusts will cause the stacked containers to "act like a sail" to blow the heavy ship off course, and its enormous momentum makes it difficult to recover.

The blockage of the Suez Canal quickly became a global spectacle, as images and videos of the massive vessel wedged in the narrow waterway circulated across the internet. Efforts to dislodge the ship proved to be challenging, as its immense size and weight presented significant obstacles. The incident had immediate effects on global trade. The Suez Canal is a crucial channel for maritime shipping, accounting for around 12% of the world's trade volume. With the Ever Given blocking the canal, hundreds of ships were unable to pass through, leading to a backlog of vessels waiting at either end of the waterway. The disruption caused by the blockage echoed throughout the global economy. Supply chains were disrupted, and delays in the delivery of goods were experienced worldwide. Industries reliant on just-in-time delivery systems, such as manufacturing and retail, were particularly affected by the blockage in the Suez Canal.

Efforts to refloat the Ever Given and reopen the canal were met with urgency by the global community. A team of tugboats, dredgers, and excavators worked tirelessly to free the ship from its predicament. As days passed with the vessel still stuck, concerns grew about the potential long-term impacts of the blockage on global trade and the economy. After nearly a week of intensive efforts, the Ever Given was finally refloated on March 29, 2021. The successful operation was met with relief and celebration around the world, as maritime traffic resumed its course through the Suez Canal.

The incident served as a stark reminder of the vulnerabilities inherent in the global supply chain. While the blockage of the Suez Canal was eventually resolved, it highlighted the risks posed by unexpected events and the importance of contingency planning in ensuring the smooth flow of trade. The Suez Canal blockage of 2021 was a momentous event that captured the world's attention and disrupted global trade. The incident underscored the significance of the Suez Canal as a vital artery for maritime shipping and emphasized the need for resilience and adaptability in the face of unforeseen challenges. (MI News Network, 2023)

Question1. Do these statements agree with the information given in the article? Write 'T' (true) 'F' (false) or 'NG' (not given) if there is no information. (5 marks)

- _____ 1. Despite its important role in global trade, the Suez Canal remains a single-lane waterway for its entire length.
- _____ 2. The Ever Given became lodged in the Suez Canal due to a collision with another ship.
- _____ 3. About 12% of the global trade happens through the Suez Canal.
- _____ 4. The Ever Given incident highlighted the need for technological advancements in maritime navigation systems.
- _____ 5. The successful refloating of the Ever Given was solely due to the efforts of the Egyptian authorities.

Question 2. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences.

(10 marks)

1. Why is the Suez Canal considered an important waterway for maritime trade?

2. What caused the *Ever Given* to become stuck in the Suez Canal?

3. How did the blockage of the Suez Canal impact global trade and economy?

4. What challenges did the efforts to dislodge the Ever Given from the Suez Canal face?

5. What lessons can be learned from the Suez Canal blockage incident regarding the management of global trade routes?

Question 3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the box according to the meaning of the text. There is *one* extra word. (5 marks)

challenges	lodged	encountered	waterway	disrupting	operated
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The Ever Given, 1. _____ by Evergreen Marine Corporation, is among the largest container ships globally, capable of carrying thousands of containers. On March 23, 2021, while traversing the Suez Canal, it 2. _____ strong winds and a sandstorm, causing it to turn off course and become 3. _____ diagonally across the canal. This incident, described by Captain Bill Kavanagh as a "very complex and high-risk operation," highlighted the 4. _____ of navigating the narrow waterway. The blockage quickly became a global spectacle as images circulated online, 5. _____ global trade due to the canal's crucial role (MI News Network 2023).

LANGUAGE

[25 Marks]

Question 1. Change the following sentences from active to passive or vice versa. (5 marks)

1. The captain navigated the ship through the narrow channel with precision.

2. The course will be charted for the upcoming voyage by the navigator tomorrow.

3. Constant communication with the control tower was maintained by the crew members.

4. The shipping company operates a fleet of container ships across international waters.

5. The ship is currently being navigated through the Suez Canal.

Question 2. Complete the following sentences by using appropriate conditional forms. (5 marks)

1. We can depart before sunset if _____

2. If we were to encounter pirates, _____

3. If the crew had checked the weather forecast beforehand, _____

4. The ship might have avoided the collision if _____

5. If the engine fails, _____

Question 3. Rewrite the following direct speech sentences to the reported speech. (5 marks)

1. "We're experiencing delays due to weather conditions," the captain informed the passengers.

2. The chief engineer warned, "We need to shut down the engine to prevent overheating."

3. The chief steward reminded, "Don't forget to replenish the emergency supplies in the lifeboats."

4. The helmsman exclaimed, "We're approaching dangerous waters!"

5. "Bring me the weather report immediately," ordered the first mate.

Question 4: Circle the correct answer according to the instructions.

(5 marks)

1. MV South African Reefer will overtake you on your starboard side. The message marker is _____.
 a. instruction b. information c. warning
2. I require two tugs. The message marker is _____.
 a. instruction b. request c. information
3. Perishable goods are _____.
 a. dangerous b. heavy c. fresh
4. An example of fragile cargo is _____.
 a. frozen fish b. gasoline c. ceramic
5. To comply with means _____.
 a. to act according to an order or set of rules
 b. to force someone to do something
 c. to form an amendment to a regulation

Question 5. Match the injuries with their definitions. Write the correct letters, 'a to f', in the Answer column. There is an extra definition.

(5 marks)

Injury	Answer	Definition
1. asphyxia		a. a burn that is caused by dry heat
2. laceration		b. a type of open wound that is caused by the skin rubbing against a rough surface
3. dislocation		c. a wound that occurs when skin, tissue, and/or muscle is torn or cut open
4. contusion		d. a condition of the deficient supply of oxygen to the body that arises from abnormal breathing
5. abrasion		e. an injury or mark where the skin has not been broken but is darker in colour, often as a result of being hit by something
		f. an injury in which the ends of two connected bones separate

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MLO & Bloom's Level of Complexity

Q #	MLO Addressed	Complexity Level	Mark	Remark
RQ. 1	2	Understanding/ Analysing	5	
RQ. 2	3	Analysing/Evaluating	10	
RQ. 3	3	Analysing	5	
RQ. 4	4	Evaluating	5	
LQ. 5	5	Creating	5	
LQ. 6	5	Creating	5	
LQ. 7	3	Analysing	5	
LQ. 8	4	Understanding	5	