INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer ALL questions.

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Contrary to what many women believe, it is easy to develop a long-term, intimate and mutually fulfilling relationship with a guy. Of course, the guy has to be a Labrador retriever. With human guys, it’s extremely difficult. This is because guys don’t really grasp what women mean by the word *relationship*.

Let’s say a guy named Roger asks a woman named Elaine out to a movie. She accepts; they have a pretty good time. They continue to see each other regularly, and soon neither is seeing anybody else.

Then one evening while they’re driving home, a thought occurs to Elaine. She says: “Do you realize that we’ve been seeing each other for exactly six months?”

Silence fills the car. To Elaine, it seems like a very loud silence. She thinks to herself: “I wonder if it bothers him that I said that. Maybe he feels confined by our relationship. Maybe he thinks I’m trying to push him into some kind of obligation.”

And Roger is thinking: “Gosh. Six months.”

And Elaine is thinking: “But hey, I’m not so sure I want this kind of relationship either. Are we heading toward marriage? Toward children? Toward a *lifetime* together? Am I ready for that level of commitment?”

And Roger is thinking: “So that means it was ... let’s see ... February when we started going out, which was right after I had the car at the dealer’s, which means ... lemme check the odometer ... whoa! I am *way* overdue for an oil change here.”

And Elaine is thinking: “He’s angry, and I don’t blame him. I’d be angry too. I feel so guilty, putting him through this, but I can’t help the way I feel. I’m just not sure.”

And Roger is thinking: “They’ll probably say it’s only a 90-day warranty. That’s what they’re gonna say!”

And Elaine is thinking: “Maybe I’m too idealistic, waiting for a knight to come riding up on his white horse, when I’m sitting next to a perfectly good person who’s in pain because of my self-centered, schoolgirl fantasy.”

And Roger is thinking: “Warranty? I’ll give them a warranty!”

We’re not talking about different wavelengths here.

We’re talking about different *planets* in completely different *solar systems*. Elaine cannot communicate meaningfully with Roger because the sum total of his thinking about relationships is *Huh?*
He has a guy brain, basically an analytical, problem-solving organ. It’s not comfortable with nebulous concepts such as love, need and trust. Women have trouble accepting this. They are convinced that guys *must* spend a certain amount of time thinking about the relationship. This is what women figure.

They are wrong. A guy in a relationship is like an ant standing on top of a truck tyre. The ant is aware that something large is there, but he cannot even dimly comprehend what it is. And if the truck starts moving and the tyre starts to roll, the ant will sense that something important is happening, but right up until he rolls around to the bottom and is squashed, the only thought in his tiny brain will be, *Huh?*

*Adapted from Jack Canefield et al, *Chicken soup for the woman’s soul: 101 stories to open the hearts and rekindle the spirits of women,* Health Communications Inc., 1996, pp. 144 – 147.

(a) State the writer’s **MAIN** point in no more than 30 words.

(b) Write an **essay** of no more than 500 words in which you include reference to the following:

(i) The writer’s **purpose**

(ii) Strategies and language techniques used

(iii) The effectiveness of the strategies and language techniques identified in (ii) above in achieving the writer’s purpose.

**Total 25 marks**
The strangest caller came one afternoon at about four o’clock. I had come back from school and was in my home-clothes. The man said to me, “Sonny, may I come inside your yard?”

He was a small man and tidily dressed. He wore a hat, white shirt and black trousers.

I asked, “What you want?”

He said, “I want to watch your bees.”

I ran up to the steps and shouted, “Ma, it have a man outside here. He say he want to watch the bees.”

My mother came out, looked at the man and asked in an unfriendly way, “What you want?”

The man said, “I want to watch your bees.”

His English was so good, it didn’t sound natural, and I could see my mother was worried.

She said to me, “Stay here, and watch him while he watch the bees.”

The man said, “Thank you, Madam. You have done a good deed today.”

We watched the bees, this man and I for about an hour, squatting near the palm trees.

He pulled out a printed sheet from his hip-pocket and said, “On this paper is the greatest poem about mothers and I’m going to sell it to you at a bargain price of four cents.”

I went inside and I said, “Ma, you want to buy a poetry for four cents?” My mother said, “Tell that blasted man to haul his tail away from my yard, you hear?”

I said to B. Wordsworth, “My mother say she ain’t have four cents.”


In an essay of no more than 500 words, discuss the following:

(a) The dialectal variation used in the passage
(b) The effect that B. Wordsworth has on: (i) the boy (ii) his mother
(c) How film would effectively capture the communicative behaviours in this excerpt.

Total 25 marks
SECTION C
MODULE 3 – SPEAKING AND WRITING

3. Read the scenario below carefully then answer the questions that follow.

You are investigating the effects of cellular telephone use on the population. You decide to do an “awareness seminar” about the dangers posed by frequent use of these devices. The seminar will be delivered to a high school population.

(a) In no more than 50 words, explain how you would use TWO visual aids, to enhance your delivery.

(b) In no more than 300 words, write the feature address, to be delivered at the seminar. In your address, discuss at least THREE effects of cellular telephone use on the population.

Total 25 marks