Say to the candidates:

Items 1–7 constitute Section A of this paper. They are based on an extract, which I will read to you. You will be given two minutes to look at the items before you listen to the extract. Then I will read the extract to you twice.

You are required to listen carefully to the extract before answering the items. You may make notes while you listen to the reading. You must NOT begin to answer the items until you are told to do so.

You are required to respond to the items on your answer sheet by selecting the correct option from the four options lettered A–D.

Say to the candidates:

Look at the items now for two minutes.

Two minutes later, say to candidates

Now listen carefully while I read this extract twice. Remember, you may make notes as I read.

Read the following extract twice at normal reading pace. (DO NOT dictate the passage for candidates to write.)

It was the time of the petit-carême now, and in this pause, this summer’s breath in the midst of wet weather, the forest bees came quick in blue sunshine to new blossoms, and fresh-feathered birds flitted with song and love-calls from boughs to the wild flowers. In cocoa fields, the guardian immortelles were in sporadic bloom, and farmers were busy picking the little harvest of cocoa which they hoped to dry before the rains commenced again.

Kumaca was beautiful at this time of the year, with yellow unclung leaves drifting in the wind, pouis spotting the hillsides with fistfuls of gold, and parrots squawking like matriarchal fishwives, crossing low over the forest where somersaulting monkeys howled in dark voices.

In the village, all the talk was of the road which was to come through from Valencia.

Adapted from Earl Lovelace, The School Master (Caribbean Writers Series). Heinemann, 1997
5. After you have read the extract, pause for a few seconds and then say to the candidates:

I shall now read the extract a second time.

6. After you have read the extract a second time, pause for a few seconds and then say to the candidates:

You have 90 minutes to answer all the items on Paper 01. When you are finished answering those items which are based on this extract, go straight to Section B and answer Items 8 to 45. Do not wait for any further instructions. I will tell you when the last 15 minutes are left.

7. Quietly invite the invigilator to take over the examination process.

Instructions to the Invigilator

8. Seventy-five minutes later, tell candidates that they have 15 minutes left.

9. Fifteen minutes later, at the end of the allotted 90 minutes, collect all papers and dismiss candidates.