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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper contains **FOUR** [4] questions in **SEVEN** [7] pages.
2. Answer **ALL** questions.
3. Write your answers for question 3[b] and question 4 [a] in this examination booklet.
4. Hand in this examination booklet **together with** your scripts at the end of the examination.

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SECTION A:

1. Define proposal. What should be included in a proposal?
[100 marks]
2. What roles do graphics play in report writing and how should they be used effectively?
[100 marks]

SECTION B:

3. Answer [a] and [b].
[a] Comment on the following unedited text.

The night sky is full of stars and a warm breeze is blowing in across the Sulu sea. On the beach only the sounds are water lapping at the shore and crickets in the inky blackness. My guide Asdari Beluot stops and points towards the trees. I see nothing at the sand. Thrilled I quietly move closer until I can make out the rounded shape of a creature whose lineage is as old as dinosaurs. Grinning with delight, I whisper to Beluot, "Brilliant".

I have come to the tiny Malaysian island of Pulau Selingaan, located on the north-eastern coast of Sabah, so as to witness on a first-hand basis one of the world's most effective conservation programmes. Year-round and especially from July to October thousands of turtles heave themselves up onto the beaches of these and eight nearby islands to lay their eggs under cover of darkness. As a species in danger, sea turtles are hunted for their shells, flesh and eggs, and their nesting places are devastated by coastal developments.

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As a result world-wide numbers have plummeted this century. The western Caribbean, where turtles green in colour once swam in their millions, only three nesting sights remain and all are threaten. Some 26 green turtle nesting places remain in South-east ASIA, though many now host only a faction of the turtles that once hauled up on it.

But Pulau Selingaan is a thriving nesting place for the green turtle which when it is an adult has a weight of 200 to 300 pounds, is the largest hard shelled sea turtle, and for smaller numbers of the more threatened hawksbills, once hunted for it's lustruos shell. In 1996, the peninsular became the site of the first turtle hatchery in Sabah. Eleven year later the Sabah goverment acquired Pulau Selingaan and two neighbouring islands, designating them Turtles Island Park. The islands are small-Pulau Selingaan is just 2000 acres in area. Besides the park staff, the only people on the islands are a police unit and a few tourists. Two years ago park linked with six nearby Philipine Islands to become the Turtle Island Heritage Protected Area ___the worlds first marine turtle conversation area straddled national boundaries.

Scientists at the Kota Kinabalu headquarters of Sabah Parks collate data and interpret data from Pulau Selingaan and its neighbouring island, but park Warden Kasitah Karim head the vital field work. At night he and his sixteen rangers, who work in 2 shifts, patrol on their feet nearly 2 miles of beaches. On this October night, Karim and Beluot, the ranger in charge of Pulau Selingaan, were taking me with them.

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We soon come across three females. One is digging a hole close to the trees, and three others have emerged from the water. While Beluot who is cheery and sociable and Karim who is soft spoken checks on the first turtle, I crawl towards one of the others. I can hear her digging, and as I inch closer, sand spraying vigorously behind her. Karim and Beluot join me, and we sit on the brim of the shallow hole turtle had dug itself into. Karim shines a flashlight into the hole. I see a wrinkled, leathery neck, a small head and a visage as old as time itself.

Ranger James Agit arrives. He checked the left front flipper of the turtle to see if she has a number metal tag. It does, and Agit writes down the identification number 50514. Later, her file tells that she was tagged in sixth August 1997, during the of first three recorded visits to Pulau Selingaan. In that time she lied a total of 265 eggs. If the turtle did not have a tag from Turtle Islands park, Agit would expertly punched one through her leathery slipper using a pair of plier.

Fifty one thousand turtles have been tagged in Turtle Park since 1972, only 69 have been reported. Most were found nearby in the Philippines, but others reached Luzon, Southern and Eastern Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and even Palau, 1100 miles to the east. One female green turtle logged 390 miles in 27 days, a average daily swim of just over 4 miles. No one knows what strange yearning lures these ancient creatures back to the same beach where they were born. And how do they navigate back. Some scientists speculate that they are helped by chemicals in the water, such as pheromones, that blend to give each beach a beach a special "signature." This signature may drift from nesting zones to the feeding grounds and signpost the way home.

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Some research suggests turtles have a built-in compass and use lines of magnetic force to hone in on nesting places.

[30 marks]

[b] Edit the text in [a].

[70 marks]

4. [a] Proofread the following text.

Every city side is a sight. if you get up in Hong Kong and take a tramp to Victoria park many morning between 6 and 8, you can watch local citizen engage in their morning exercises.

Some of them follow the graceful swan like postures of *t'ai chi*, a tradition centuries old. Others do spicy Jane Fonda style aerobics or modern dance routine. Just watching them makes you feel you are in an episode of Star Trek where worlds have collided.

Just stroll around the back streets and market for more cultural collisions. And don't forget that Island of Hong Kong adds up to less than a tenth of approximately 1,071 sq km: of the Territory. Outside the urban sprawl, there are huge parks in the new Territories, a range of out-lying islands, each with its own character and attractions.

Often the most memorable signs are most ordinary to local people. the boats that people here use as daily public transport, the shops that sell snakes and lizards as food, the names of the businesses. Often local people innocently bend Chinese names with western words to create incidental messages. We have a Wong Kee Construction Co and when on **Lantau** island, a visit to the *Sher Lee* temple was obligatory.

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Even the humblest of tourists chores is an invitation to tremendous spectacular. Casting traveller's checks, for example should be done the at extra-ordinary Hongkong Bank headquarter in central. The hole building is raised in the air. In stead of entering through a front door, visitors visitors enter via an ascalator that ships though a hole in the buildings bottom, soto speak. A gaint reflector sends sun-shine flowing the central atrium, leaving the impression that sun is shining on the building instead in to it.

Next door is the Standard CHARTER bank head-quarter- Arare example of architecture with a sense of humour. This tin sky scraper has been modeled on a cathedral. Enter and find a huge grey-stone arch hall, with an unmistakable church like atmosphere. The stained glass windows bare no illustrations of saints, however but icons of capitalism, including a gold mobile phone. Two of the best introductory experience in Hong Kong cost \$ 2(25US cents) ahead: the tram and the Star ferry. Choose a time well a way from the morning or evening rush-hour and either form of transport will take you on a pleasant tour of Hong Kong.

If you arrive in Hong Kong on a light flight to Kai TAK, the city is a visionary, neon-lite metropolis from the future. But trip down to back alloys the following morning, you will find a place of temples and ancient magic. For a city with its feet planted so firmly on the ground Hong Kong has an inexplicable belief in the likes of *fung shui*, the geomancy of wind and water. Even the Government house cannot avoid it, allegedly A mystical vortex of negative powder is believed to exist in the garden, and supposedly the bad

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vibrations are thrown from the nearby Bark of Cina Building. This sky-scraper, one of the taller in Asia, is made up of a net work of inter-locking triangle. In fung shui it is held that a sharp angel pointing at you focuses bed forces in you direction.

[70 marks]

[b] Discuss briefly the role of editors and proofreaders.

[30 marks]

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