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## ENGLISH

Subject Number: M052/II

Tuesday, 24 March

Time Allowed: 1 hr 45mins

10:00 am- 11:45 am

## PAPER II

(60 marks)

### Instructions

1. This paper contains 9 printed pages. Please check.
2. This paper has **two** sections: **A** and **B**.
3. Answer **all** questions in both sections.
4. Use the space provided to answer questions in the paper.
5. Follow the instructions for each section carefully.
6. Fill in your **name** at the top of **each page** of the question paper.
7. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered

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Section A: (20 Marks)  
NOTE MAKING

**Read the following passage carefully and afterwards make a summary of it in NOTE FORM. In your summary:**

- a. Provide a suitable title for the passage.
- b. Give the main points.
- c. Supply supporting points for each main point.

**Marks will be awarded for content, note-style, and fair-copy layout. Candidates who simply copy the passage will be penalized.**

Selecting the right type of a house for poultry is the first and most important decision to make. The right choice of poultry house allows efficient production of birds and eggs within a stress free environment and maximum economy of food. We shall talk about factors to consider when constructing a chicken house.

To begin with, selecting a suitable site is important. The selected site must take advantage of natural air movements. The house must be accessible from a good weather road to enable a farmer to transport inputs bought and produce to the market. Reliable source of clean, piped water and electricity from main supplies are essential. Drainages must be considered from the point of view of poultry health. Avoid sites which are prone to water- lodging, because it blocks air movements. Consider direction of sunlight, rainfall and cold droughts.

Take note on how you lay your foundation. The foundation depth is determined by the physical condition of the ground, soil and the weight of materials to be used. The foundation depth should be large enough to allow one man to work in comfortably. It should be six hundred centimetres wide and four hundred centimetres deep. Put concrete on the floor to provide rodent proof surface. This floor can be easily washed or disinfected. The floor level should be two hundred metres above the floor.



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## Section B (40 Marks)

### Comprehension

**Read the following passage and answer questions that follow**

The outrage which Ezeulu's son committed against the sacred python was a very serious matter; Ezeulu was the first to admit it. But the **ill will** of the neighbours and especially the impudent message sent him by the priest of Idemili left him no alternative but to **hurl defiance** at them all. He was full of amazement at the calumny which even people he called his friends were said to be spreading against him.

"It is good for a misfortune like this to happen once in a while," he said, "so that we can know the thoughts of our friends and neighbours. Unless the wind blows we do not see the fowl's rump."

He sent for his wife and asked her where her son was. She stood with her arms folded across her breasts and said nothing. For the past two days she had been full of **resentment** against her husband because it was he who sent Oduche to the church people in spite of her opposition. Why should he now sharpen his machete to kill him for doing what they taught him in church?

"Am I talking to a person or a carved *nkwu*?"

"I don't know where he is."

"You don't know? *He he he he he*," he laughed **mechanically** and then became serious again. "You must be telling me in your mind that a man who brings ant-infested faggots should not complain if he is visited by lizards. You are right. But do not tell me you don't know where your son is....."

"Is he my son now?"

He ignored her question.

“Don’t tell me you don’t know where he is because it is a lie. You may call him where you are hiding him. I have not killed anybody before and I will not start with my son.”

“But he will not go to that church again.”

“That is a lie also. I have heard that he will be there and he will go. If anyone does not like it he can come and jump on his back.”

That afternoon Oduche returned, looking like a fowl soaked in the rain. He greeted his father fearfully but he ignored him completely. In the inner compound the women welcomed him **without enthusiasm**. The little children searched him closely as if to see whether he had altered in any way.

Although Ezeulu did not want anybody to think that he was troubled or to make him appear like an object of pity, he did not ignore the religious implications of Oduche’s act. He thought about it seriously on the night of the incident. The custom of Umuaro was well known and he did not require the priest of Idemilli to instruct him. Every Umuaro child knows that if a man kills the python inadvertently he must **placate** Idemilli by arranging a funeral for the snake almost as elaborate as a man’s funeral. But there was nothing in the customs of Umuaro for the man who puts the python in a box. Ezeulu was not saying that it was not an offence, but it was not serious enough for the priest to send him insulting message. It was the kind of offence which a man put right between himself and his personal god.

(Adapted from Arrow of God by Chinua Achebe)

### Questions

- a. What did Ezeulu’s son do?

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(1 mark)

- b. Why is Ezeulu amazed by the reaction of his neighbours?

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(2 marks)

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c. Describe the character of each of the following:

i. Ezeulu

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**(2 marks)**

ii. Ezeulu's wife

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**(2 marks)**

d. Why did Ezeulu's wife keep quiet when she was asked about her son's whereabouts?

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**(2 marks)**

e. What shows that Oduche regrets his action?

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**(2 marks)**

f. What two things show that Oduche is not welcome home?

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**(2 marks)**

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**(2 marks)**

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g. Why is Ezeulu troubled by Oduche`s act?

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**(2 marks)**

h. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage:

i. resentment \_\_\_\_\_

**(1 mark)**

ii. mechanically \_\_\_\_\_

**(1 mark)**

iii. placate \_\_\_\_\_

**(1 mark)**

i. Explain the meaning of each of the following expressions as used in the passage:

i. ill will \_\_\_\_\_

**(2 marks)**

ii. hurl defiance \_\_\_\_\_

**(2 marks)**

iii. without enthusiasm \_\_\_\_\_

**(2 marks)**

j. What made Ezeulu think that the insults from the priest of Idemilli were not justified?

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**(2 marks)**



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- k. Give a **title** for the passage.

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**(2 marks)**

- l. Summarise the passage in your own words. The summary should be between 70 and 100 words.

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**(10 Marks)**

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