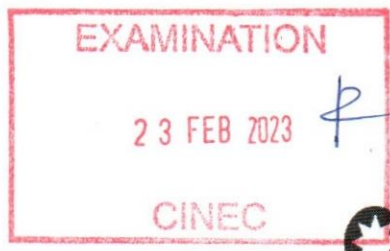


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EDUCATION & TRAINING COURSE: NAVIGATION OFFICER CADET FOUNDATION COURSE

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SUBJECT: ENGLISH

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Question No:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total Marks	%	Signature
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<i>INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES</i>	<i>Pass Mark = 60 marks</i>
<i>Answer all questions.</i>	<i>Date of the examination = 2023.02.20</i>
<i>Candidates are not allowed to communicate with and disturb fellow candidates during the examination.</i>	<i>Duration of the examination = 03 hours</i>
	<i>Candidates could be disqualified if you violate examination rules</i>

**Question 01**

Read the following passage and answer the questions based on it.

(15 marks)

**A SHIP IN A STORM**

Did you ever go far out upon the great ocean? How beautiful it is to be out at sea, when the sea is smooth and still! Let a storm approach, and the scene is changed. The heavy, black clouds appear in the distance, and throw a deep, deathlike shade over the world of waters. The captain and sailors soon see in the clouds the signs of evil. All hands are then set to work to take in sail. The hoarse notes of the captain, speaking through his trumpet, are echoed from lip to lip among the rigging. Happy will it be, if all is made snug before the gale strikes the vessel. At last, the gale comes like a vast moving mountain of air. It strikes the ship. The vessel heaves and groans under the dreadful weight, and struggles to escape through the foaming waters. If she is far out at sea, she will be likely to ride out the storm in safety. But if the wind is driving her upon the shore, the poor sailors will hardly escape being dashed upon the rocks, and drowned. Once there was a ship in a storm. Some of her masts were already broken, and her sails lost. While the wind was raging, and the billows were dashing against her, the cry was heard,

"A man has fallen overboard!" Quickly the boat was lowered, and she was soon seen bounding on her way over the mountain waves. At one moment, the boat seemed lifted to the skies, and the next, it sank down, and appeared to be lost beneath the waves! At length, the man was found. He was well-nigh drowned; but he was taken on board, and now they made for the ship. But the ship rolled so dreadfully, that it seemed certain death to go near her. And now, what should they do? The captain told one of the men to go aloft and throw down a rope. This was made fast to the boat, and when the sea was somewhat calm it was hoisted, and all fell down into the ship with a dreadful crash. It was a desperate way of getting on board; but fortunately no lives were lost.

1. According to the passage when is the sea beautiful? (1 mark)  
.....
2. How do the captain and sailors react to the signs of a storm? (1 mark)  
.....
3. In the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, what is the storm is compared to? (1 mark)  
.....
4. When a storm strikes the ship, what is the safer place for the ship to face it? (1 mark)  
.....
5. If the ship is driven to the shore by the storm, what will be the result? (1 mark)  
.....
6. Write 2 disasters that would happen to a ship when it encounters a storm. (Paragraph 5) (2 marks)  
.....  
.....
7. What happened to the boat which was lowered to escape the man? (Paragraph 6). (1 mark)  
.....
8. Was the man found and escaped? (1 mark)  
.....
9. What does '*He was well nigh drowned*' mean? Explain in your own words. (Paragraph 6) (1 mark)  
.....  
.....
10. Find similar words for the following from the passage. (4 marks)
  - i. quiet - .....
  - ii. drawing near - .....
  - iii. storm - .....
  - iv. descend - .....

### Question 02

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

(10 marks)

1. They ..... (watch) a movie when the phone rang.
2. The ship ..... (sail) tomorrow.
3. Ruwan's father is a teacher. He ..... (teach) Mathematics to Grade 7 students.
4. My lecturer ..... (teach) us a grammar lesson at the moment.
5. My brother and I ..... (go) to the library now.
6. They ..... (go) to church every Sunday.
7. They ..... (clean) the deck when the captain called them.
8. Captain Edward J. Smith ..... (be) the captain of the R.M.S Titanic.
9. The students ..... (write) essays yesterday.
10. Everyone ..... (be) happy about their examination results.

### Question 03

Underline the most suitable conjunction to join the sentences given below.

(5 marks)

1. I like chicken ..... not fish.  
a. and      b. since      c. but      d. for      e. or
2. .... it rains on Sunday, I will not be able to drive.  
a. and      b. where      c. either      d. if      e. how
3. I like both dogs ..... cats.  
a. also    b. but      c. and      d. if      e. until
4. The items are on sale in the local store ..... not online.  
a. but      b. and    c. though    d. or      e. nor
5. Neither my mother ..... my father will be able to attend the party on Sunday.  
a. or      b. but not    c. and      d. nor      e. but also

**Question 04**

Identify the voice (Active or Passive) of the following sentences and transform them into the opposite voice. (10 Marks)

1. The welcome address will be delivered by a cadet. (Voice: \_\_\_\_\_)  
.....
2. The accident has caused a severe damage to his skull. (Voice: \_\_\_\_\_)  
.....
3. Everyone is greeted with a slight smile by him. (Voice: \_\_\_\_\_)  
.....
4. The captain has ordered us to report any suspicious activities onboard the ship. (Voice: \_\_\_\_\_)  
.....
5. The chief engineer asked them to carry on the operation. (Voice: \_\_\_\_\_)  
.....

**Question 05**

Convert the following sentences into indirect speech. (10 marks)

1. "You have done your job well", the captain told me.  
.....
2. The cadet asked his friend, "have you had your breakfast?"  
.....
3. Her mother asked her, "Are you okay?"  
.....
4. "Do the second activity at home", the lecturer told us.  
.....
5. "You have gained weight", my cousin told me.  
.....

### Question 06

Fill in the blanks with a, an and the where necessary.

(10 marks)

1. .... officer must always care about the safety and the good operation of ..... ship.
2. Some seamen do not get ..... opportunity to spend much time with their families.
3. David settled in ..... Philippines after his retirement.
4. My brother is ..... second mate on a cargo ship.
5. When they went shore, the seamen went straight to ..... local pub.
6. Martin works for ..... shipping company in ..... United States of America.
7. This passenger looks sick, I'll call ..... doctor on duty.
8. The new Mate decided to take ..... first shift.

### Question 07

Orals

(10 marks)



