

## Introduction

This package has been prepared to assist you as you prepare for Sections one and two of the paper 2 CSEC English A examination. Section one focuses on summary writing, while Section Two presents two Comprehension passages. The following are some general tips on writing summaries and answering comprehension questions.

### Some Tips for Writing a Good Summary

Before writing the summary:

1. **Read** the instructions carefully.
2. **Read** the information that you've been given to summarise.
3. **Underline** the main ideas and/or cross out irrelevant details.  
(Irrelevant details may include **RAIOES** (repetitions, anecdotes, illustrations opinions, examples and statistics))
4. **Combine** similar ideas where necessary.

When writing the summary:

1. Write down only **the main ideas**.
2. Use **your own words**, but **not your opinion**.
3. Organise your summary in a logical manner using appropriate transitional words and phrases.
4. Stick to the **word limit**. (Remember only the words that fall within the word limit will be read and assessed by the examiner).
5. Write the number of words at the bottom.

After writing the summary:

Re-read your work to ensure that you captured the main ideas and that they flow logically.