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WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY
F: 9.00 AM – 9.45 AM
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C: 11.10 AM – 12.10 PM

DRAMA
STANDARD GRADE
Foundation, General
and Credit Levels
Stimulus Paper

Study carefully the five stimuli (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) before answering the questions in Section A of the Question Paper.



STIMULUS (i)



STIMULUS (ii)

“I figured that if I said it enough, I would convince the world that I really was the greatest.”

Muhammad Ali

STIMULUS (iii)

Gentle Awe Flexible Brave
Valued Unique Respected Gratitude
Lucky Courage Giving Serenity Hope
Genuine Charity Enthusiastic Open
Ambitious Encouraging Warm
Peaceful Outgoing Interest
Free Calm Rooted Motivated Passionate
Strong Successful Joy Thoughtfulness
Faith Loyal Helpful Talented Inspiring
Skillful Decisive Cheerful Trust
Compassionate Sensitive Control Love

STIMULUS (iv)



[Turn over for Stimulus (v) on *Page four*

STIMULUS (v)

The unnamed protagonist of this short play never explains what she has done that needs rationalising. She shows a series of events from her average childhood and adolescence, but never succeeds in finding anything to explain her unknown crime.

“ME”

You want to know what made me do it? You want to know why I’m here today?

I wish I had a good story for you.

I wish I could tell you something tragic so that your world would make sense again.

I wish I could stand here and make excuses.

I wish my life could have been more evil and awful, so that I would have something to blame it on.

I had a – functional family. Purely functional. Father worked full time, mother worked part time, us children went to school and out at night. Our lifestyles were specifically designed so that we didn’t have to spend more than an hour at a time in each other’s company. That’s how we functioned.

***Extract from Laying Blame
By Karen Jaynes***

[END OF STIMULUS PAPER]

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F/G/C Stimulus Paper Stimulus (v)—Extract is taken from *Laying Blame* by Karen Jeynes. Permission is being sought from Karen Jeynes.