

UGAA English Paper

Section A

- All candidates should complete this section.
- This section has one question only.
- The marks achieved in this section account for 25% of your final exam result.

Instructions:

Write a summary (précis) of the following passage, **in not more than 150 of your own words**. You must write a summary, not a discussion of the passage. No credit will be given for answers made up of sentences extracted from the original passage.

The protests that broke out after the police killing of George Floyd in May were some of the biggest racial justice marches organized in decades. In the early weeks, polling showed broad and deep support for them across the country.

But as the summer wore on and with it, sporadic looting and acts of vandalism, Americans became much more divided in how they saw the protests.

Just how divided became clear on Election Day.

Alfonse Bowman of Philadelphia said that as he cast his ballot for Joseph R. Biden Jr., he was thinking of how just a week before, the police in his hometown had fatally shot a young Black man. Mr. Bowman, who is Black, said he thought to himself of President Trump: "We have to get this man out of office."

But Anne Marie Kelly, a white medical worker who lives a couple of hours away in Stroudsburg, Pa., said she was horrified by the vandalism and looting that followed protests in some cities. It made her feel that "this is not the America I want to live in anymore," and reinforced her resolve to vote for Mr. Trump.

As the election grinds to a close, and the nation begins sifting through the results, one thing is clear: The protests this summer and what came after weighed heavily on Americans' minds.

About nine of every 10 voters said the protests over police violence were a factor in their voting, with more than three-fourths calling it a major factor, according to a large voter survey conducted for The Associated Press by NORC at the University of Chicago.

But these voters were split deeply on who should be in the White House. Among those who cited the protests as a factor, 53 percent voted for Mr. Biden, and 46 percent for Mr. Trump, according to the survey.

Excerpts from Sabrina Tavernise and John Eligon, 'Voters Say Black Lives Matter Protests Were Important. They Disagree On Why,' *The New York Times*, 7 November 2020.

Section B1

- Complete Section B1 **ONLY if** you are completing Maths Section D.
- The marks achieved in this section account for **25%** of your final exam result.

Instructions:

Write **ONE** essay from the following three choices:

1. The insufficient regulation of social media undermines democracy. Discuss.
 - Should governments pass strict social media regulations? Why or why not?
2. Inequality has increased during the pandemic. We need new policies to reverse the process. Discuss.
 - To what extent, and how, can governments decrease inequality?
3. Social movements are important in driving social and political change. Discuss.
 - Why do we need social movements to achieve social and political change?

Section B2

- Complete Section B2 **ONLY** if you are completing Maths Section C.
- The marks achieved in this section account for **50%** of your final exam result.

Instructions:

Write **ONE** essay from the following three choices:

1. Should people fleeing a natural disaster be considered refugees under international law? Why or why not?
2. What are the consequences of the diminishing status of the U.S. as a 'great power'?
3. To what extent, and how, does the legacy of colonialism affect societies today?