

1998 WAEC English Essay Writing and Letter Questions

Question 1: Write a letter to your elder brother working abroad, describing the hardship you and your parents are facing at home and requesting him to give some financial assistance.

No. 19 Conakry Street
Asaba
Delta State.
12th May 2023.

Dear brother Joshua,

Greetings to you and your family. I hope your children are healthy and doing well in school. How is Auntie Diane? I pray both of you are coping well as you combine your jobs with the pursuit of higher education.

The purpose of writing to you is to plead with you to render some financial assistance to Dad because things are really hard for us presently.

The new government made some policies that have resulted in a scarcity of foreign exchange, which in turn increased the price of every commodity in the market. Transportation now costs quadruple what it used to. Premium Motor Spirit, cooking gas, and routine drugs such as those used to treat malaria are so expensive that they are beyond the reach of the average citizen. We have even resorted to using wood to cook, which is not healthy for the environment, and also, poor Mom is finding it difficult to access the pain medication for her arthritis.

In contrast, salaries have not been increased, and Dad is struggling to pay I and Celina's school fees. As you know, I will write the Senior School Certificate Examination in a few months as the conclusion of my secondary school education. Also, Celina will register for the Junior Secondary School examinations, which will enable her to proceed to Senior Secondary School. The examination fees are in addition to our school fees.

Dad is reluctant to ask you for help because he knows that economies have shrunk since COVID-19 grounded activities across the world. But I know he will appreciate the slightest financial assistance you can give him, as it will be a big relief for him.

Thank you so much for considering my plea. Please give my regards to Auntie Diana and my little nephew and niece.

Your younger brother,

Daniel