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# THE FISCAL RESILIENCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SUBMITS ITS 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Pursuant to Section 14 (3) (b) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act (No. 29 of 2015) and Section 12 (3) (b) of the Fiscal Resilience Act (No. 11 of 2023),

the Fiscal Resilience Oversight Committee (FROC), submitted, on 28th March 2024, its 2023 Annual Report to the Clerk of Parliament for onward transmission to the Honourable Leo Cato, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Chairman of the Committee of Privileges.

The fiscal responsibility/resilience legislation provides a framework for Government's adherence to fiscal discipline, transparency and accountability in Government's financial transactions, and fiscal and debt sustainability. The Fiscal Resilience Oversight Committee, established under these Acts of Parliament, is mandated to monitor,

and report to the House of Representatives on the compliance of Government with the provisions of the legislation. The findings are outlined in the FROC 2023 Annual Report.

The Annual Report commences with the economic developments in 2023, highlighting the estimated

economic growth rate of 5.5 per cent, influenced primarily by the recovery in tourism and growth in construction. Higher imports associated with the expansion in the service-oriented sectors contributed to a widening of the merchandise trade deficit. Foreign exchange earnings

from tourism, inflows from the Citizenship by Investment Programme and foreign direct investment contributed to financing the merchandise trade transactions. Central Government fiscal performance was favourable, and the financial system remained stable.

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# AND THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS: "WE CAN – AND MUST – DO MORE"

By Arley Salimbi Gill

The ongoing saga between Fr. Gerard Paul and Bishop Clyde Harvey, in the St. George's Diocese, may have raised eyebrows and brought public embarrassment to the Catholic Church and its members. However, it also may have caused an awakening and a reassessment of the role of the R.C. Church and of its shepherds, given today's global political climate. I reckon that this awakening is needed in the Catholic Church and all Christian denominations.

The Catholic Church is accustomed to revolts and reformations. Throughout history, it has experienced a fair share of upheavals and protests from within and from outside of the church.

For example, in the 1600's, Martin Luther (not Martin Luther King, Jr.), a Catholic priest, vigorously opposed the abuses and corruption within the Catholic church. In protest, on October 31st, 1517, Luther nailed his ninety-five (95) treatises on the Wittenburg Castle Church in Germany.

Martin Luther's action led to what we now know as the Protestant

Reformation, which inspired the Catholic Reformation. Luther's theological positions were deemed heretical at the time and led to his excommunication ("read out") from the church by Pope Leo.

The Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther focused on his core principles. Central among his arguments that the Bible was the central source of religious authority and that faith, and not deeds, saved people.

At the time of Luther's protest, the Catholic Church engaged in the practice of paying money for the forgiveness of sins; maintained that only Catholic priests should read, interpret and teach the Bible; and claimed that the Pope was infallible. It was these – and other teachings – that Luther took issue with and encouraged a debate with church theologians. Luther's actions, as said earlier, resulted in him being "read out" of the church.

The Catholic Reformation, also known as the Counter Reformation, was a response to the widespread support Luther received in Europe during the Reformation period.

There were critics before Luther, but none had the impact that he engendered in reforming the Catholic Church. It is important to note that Luther did not set out to break from the church; but, he wanted the church to correct the abuses, excesses and errant teachings that were prevalent in his time.

Is Fr. Paul following in the footsteps of Martin Luther?

In recent years, the global Catholic Church was forced to confront several uncomfortable truths. For example, the allegation of widespread sexual abuse in the church and the conviction of church leaders and lay priests, who failed to report or address the issue in a timely fashion.

The allegation rocked the core of the church globally and raised issues of morality and ethics of its senior leadership. Archbishops responsible for overseeing the accused priests were alleged to have turned a blind eye to the abuse. Some Archbishops later became Cardinals.

I would argue respectfully that the issue Fr. Paul is raising is an important one; it's something that all

religions should be addressing during these troubling times. And, there are questions that one must ask and seek answers to; for example, should the church—its priests, preachers, pastors and elders speak out about political issues affecting the world? In this case, we are talking about the slaughter and unfolding genocide of the Palestinian people by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and by extension, the United States, United Kingdom and Germany. Genocide, Prime Minister Mia Mottley of Barbados reminded us recently is happening in real-time, right before our very eyes. Carnage is broadcast live on our television and on social media all day long.

Fr. Paul made it clear that his church, the Catholic Church, was not saying and doing enough on the Palestinian issue. Bishop Harvey, as head of the Catholic Church in Grenada, in response to Fr. Paul's protest—noted that the church was indeed speaking out. The notion of what is "enough" is up to one's interpretation, in this case—Fr. Paul's.

However, as Bishop Harvey noted—there is a time and a place—a season under heaven for everything. The



ARLEY GILL

Apostle Paul reminds us of this maxim in the New Testament. Bishop Harvey reminds his flock that Fr. Gerard Paul's "diatribe", as he describes it, happened at the height of Holy Week, and days before the holiest day on the Christian calendar, Easter Sunday.

Now, I am no expert on Catholicism, but I will dare to pose the question on the minds of onlookers: When and where is the right time to stand on the side of the poor, the oppressed, the hungry, and the homeless? Of course, it is not for me to say who is wrong or right.

Mark 12:31, in the Bible, states: "The second is this 'Love thy neighbour as thyself.' There is no greater commandment than these (the first is the love for god). I have always wondered, who is the neighbour referred to? Is it just the

person next door, or is it all of humankind? If it is the latter, then the thousands of Palestinian children, women and men that are slaughtered every day by the Israeli army— aided and abetted by world powers—they, too, are also our neighbours. As are the Cubans whom the United States government has implemented a decades-long blockade against, causing an entire nation to suffer. Let us also remember Ukraine, Sudan, The Democratic Republic of Congo, and other places dealing with military conflicts. Speaking of neighbour and next door—how dare we forget Haiti!

Churchgoers—Catholic or not—should be asking their religious leaders, what does it mean to love thy neighbour as thyself? Who are the least of

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# AGITATING FOR MEANINGFUL VOTER REGISTRATION REFORM IN GRENADA (PART ONE)

By J. K. Roberts

How 'essential and necessary' is the registration of voters and how 'meticulous and stringent' must be the measures for and the maintenance of a voter registration system, in a 'thriving democracy'? What are the principles which must inform a 'sound and secure' voter registration system, and what circumstances would influence or would necessitate for reforming the system? Contextually meant and applied; the registration of voters facilitates the democratic 'right and franchise' of an eligible person in the 'choice and determination' for the political governance and trajectory of the nation and to this end, it also serves for an 'orderly and credible' system in the enjoyment of this Exercise. Who are the 'real and principal' stakeholders and custodians of a voter registration system, and what are the reasonable 'expectations and acceptances' of the system and the available recourse(s) for a defective system?

Has Electoral Justice been served in Grenada since obtaining Political Independence on 07 February 1974, with respect to the status of its voter registration system? What are the outstanding inadequacies and

controversies about the system, and to what extent is the powers-that-be seeking to address genuinely any grievances? The interesting case prevails whereby there is no 'indication of willingness and commitment' by Grenada's 23 June 2022 ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) for arresting the public grumblings of dissatisfaction about the voter registration system, even after it has been in the political wilderness for over two decades and for which it blames largely on the past administration of the New National Party (NNP) with the rigging of elections and dubious processes at the elections office.

As a particular reference; the NDC when in opposition expresses in its June 2018 article "NDC Heartbeat: Electoral reform before another referendum", about the 'much needed reform to the election law by claiming that there are many deficiencies in the law and moreover that the operations of the electoral office has been allowing the powers-that-be to manipulate the electoral system to its advantage'. The NDC also had sought to boost its stance and declarations about Grenada's electoral system, by pointing to

the recommendations of the Elections Observer Teams from Caricom and the Organization of American States (OAS) for pertinent changes, and by echoing that "The voter registration process is a critical element to the successful outcome of the electoral process and therefore any perception real or imagined that this process is flawed affects public confidence and trust in the overall integrity of the electoral process". It would be of goodwill for the public to know the extent to which Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell is convinced that the scenario at the elections office has drastically improved since the 10 May 2022 open letter to the Supervisor of Elections, lamenting about 'the management of the electoral process .... it will not be possible to hold free and fair elections .... public trust is undermined'.

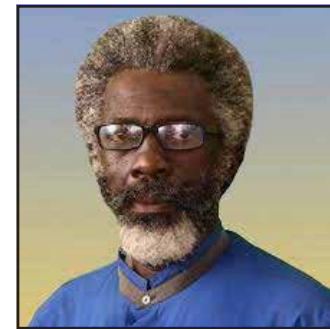
The Constitution of Grenada directs for the establishment of a voter registration system and for attending to other pertinent electoral matters of the nation, under the 'executive authority' of the Governor-General and within a legislative framework prescribed by the Parliament. Section 32 of the Constitution specifies the qualifications associated with the voter

registration system for the 'election of members of the House of Representatives', whilst Section 35 further declares for the function and designation of a Supervisor of Elections "to exercise general supervision over the registration of voters .... and over the conduct of such elections". The constitutional provisions for electoral matters are unfolded through the Representation of the People Act (RPA) as the typical election law, for 'meticulous and stringent' observances; however, the 'capacity and tenacity' toward achieving this Goal is untenable.

Critical for the 'soundness and credibility' of Grenada's voter registration system is the proper division and delineation of electoral boundaries; however, there has not been any 'comprehensive review and reporting' on this concern for over a considerable time to date. According to sections 54, 55 and 56 of the Constitution, Grenada shall be divided into such number of constituencies having such boundaries as may be provided for by an Order made by the Governor-General upon the submission of a report by a Constituency Boundaries

Commission which is mandated to review the number and boundaries of the constituencies into which Grenada is divided, with the leading consideration being that 'all constituencies shall contain as nearly equal numbers of inhabitants as appears to be reasonably practicable'. It must be an 'appalling and embarrassing' situation indeed that, on approaching five decades and contrary to constitutional stipulations, there is no 'clear evidence' of the existence and operations of a Constituency Boundaries Commission giving effect to having the Prime Minister laying before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the Governor-General, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report of the Constituency Boundaries Commission, and that draft Order may make provision for any matters which appear to the Prime Minister to be incidental to or consequential upon the other provisions of the draft.

The recent past four years have witnessed the Supervisor of Elections (SoE) signaling to the population about the need for the elections office, Parliamentary



BY J. K. ROBERTS (SOUND PUBLIC POLICIES ADVOCATE)

Elections Office (PEO), to secure a new computerised voter registration system, and this has degenerated to confusions and misgivings which affected preparations surrounding the 23 June 2022 general elections. It should be clear that despite whatever gross limitations of an 'old and outdated' electronic registration mechanism, any imperative efforts to replace it must not be 'in isolation and / or in ignorance' of the other related registration issues.

Even in the absence of the SoE meeting the constitutional obligation 'with good faith', for about a decade or more, of submitting a report on the exercise of his / her functions to the Minister for the time being responsible for matters relating to the election of members of the House of Representatives and for that Minister to lay it before the

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for a visit to the teacher during their school hours if necessary.

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# PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY ARE KEY TO BUSINESS SUCCESS

By Dr. Basil Springer

*“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” – Ephesians 5:15-16*

Over the years I have seen firsthand how the tides of change have impacted the sustainability and resilience of a business.

Sustainable business development is a strategy that satisfies the needs of organizations while maintaining ecological balance, employee well-being, and community welfare. The concept involves conducting a business that contributes more to the economy, environment and society than it takes from these areas.

Resilience describes an organization's ability to respond and adapt quickly to disruptions or significant, unplanned changes that could threaten its operations, people, assets, brand or reputation.

The mantra I have lived by, both in steering my own career and in guiding young entrepreneurs, is that the essence of business success often boils down to the happiness of its stakeholders.

The stakeholders of a business are (1) designers

of the products and services that will give value to customers and which must not fall short of excellence at all times; (2) clients whose needs must be satisfied at every step of the way; (3) service deliverers whose relationship with the business must be mutually fulfilled at all times; and (4) shareholders who expect and are owed a satisfactory return on investment.

Let me share how this philosophy has not only shaped businesses but has also been a pivotal factor in their growth and profitability.

## Understanding Productivity and Efficiency -

Productivity, in its essence, is the rate at which goods or services are produced, especially in relation to the labor, materials and time used. Efficiency, on the other hand, refers to achieving maximum productivity with minimum wasted effort or expense. In my journey, I've observed that businesses that master the art of being both productive and efficient tend to not only survive but also thrive, scaling new heights in profitability.

## The Direct Path to Increased Profitability -

The most straightforward impact of heightened productivity and efficiency



on profitability is the reduction in costs. When a business is able to do more with less, it naturally reduces its operational costs, increasing its profit margin. In the Caribbean, where resources can sometimes be limited, this principle is golden. I've advised countless startups on streamlining their operations, focusing on their core competencies, and leveraging technology to enhance productivity. These measures have often led to a noticeable improvement in their bottom lines.

## Enhancing Competitive Advantage -

Productivity and efficiency also contribute to a firm's competitive edge. A business that operates like a well-oiled machine not only delivers value to its customers faster but also can often do so at a lower cost and with higher quality. This advantage

becomes a unique selling proposition, attracting more customers and capturing a larger market share, which, in turn, drives profitability. In the fast-paced markets of the Caribbean, being able to quickly respond to market demands is a critical factor in maintaining relevance and profitability.

## Fostering Innovation, Disruption and Growth -

An often overlooked aspect of productivity and efficiency is their role in fostering innovation. When businesses focus on streamlining their processes, they are forced to think creatively, innovate and disrupt. This innovation not only leads to better products and services but also opens up new revenue streams. Think laterally and disrupt. For instance, by automating routine tasks, a business can free up its employees to focus on more strategic, value-

added activities, leading to growth in both the scope of operations and profitability.

## Sustainable Business Practices -

Finally, productivity and efficiency are at the heart of sustainable and resilient business practices. By maximizing resource utilization and minimizing waste, businesses not only contribute to environmental preservation but also ensure their long-term viability and profitability. In the Caribbean, where the beauty of our natural environment is a key asset, sustainable practices also enhance brand image and loyalty among consumers, further contributing to profitability.

Let us implement change today. The possibilities for growth and profitability are boundless.

# AND THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS: “WE CAN – AND MUST – DO MORE”

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these among us that we must protect and defend?

In my respectful view, the church needs to do more. And by doing more, I mean, more than praying about these matters. According to the New Testament scriptures, Jesus of Nazareth was about faith and action.

When I was young, most churches—especially Protestant or Ecclesiastical churches—held crusades in the villages. Crusades lasted for days and weeks at a time. Church members would seek and find

villagers and minister to them wherever they found them—on the street corners and even on the blocs. After the crusades, converted villagers would join the church and get baptized; and, as expected, many would fall out or backslide, as we say in Grenada.

Now, there are still crusades but certainly not as many as before. Today, many churches are fully air-conditioned; I speculate, the reason being that churches are feeling the effects of global warming. So now, church doors and windows remain closed and so-called “sinners” who are outside—cannot even hear a

sermon or the singing happening inside the church. Years ago, after church, boys on the block would say to churchgoers: “Pastor well get on today.” The truth is, even villagers who were not going inside the church, and those who chose to stay outside the church, liming—still listened; or, at least overheard the “Good News” teachings. Things are not the same. The church doors and windows are closed—who is in, stays in; and who is out, stays out!

I am of the considered view that the church needs to do more to address matters confronting our society

today. Issues that the church addresses should be more than conversations on social and moral issues such as sex, alcohol consumption, drugs, and what people wear to church or during carnival. I understand that the burden is not on the church alone. As history has shown us—one group cannot do it alone. However, churches must do more than remain silent or speak in hushed tones.

Specifically, I want to hear the Catholic Church speaking up on matters such as colonialism, slavery, the slave trade, indigenous genocide, racism and reparations.

In March of 2023, the Catholic Church repudiated the “Doctrine of Discovery”. This doctrine was used to justify the stealing of Indigenous People's land, treating Indigenous People as heathens and uncivilized, and forcibly imposing Western cultural values on them. Ultimately, justifying murder and plunder in the name of conquest and sowing the seed for the notion of a superior people and culture and conversely an inferior people and culture—the grounding for racism.

Recently, The Church of England (Anglican Church) apologized for

its role in slavery and the slave trade. I must say that I do not agree with their approach to reparations. But they have acknowledged certain truths. This is a small step in the right direction. What say ye, the Catholics?

And, as we watch this saga between Bishop Harvey and Fr. Paul unfold, we must remember that this awakening and protest must not stop at the doorstep of the Catholic Church. Every religion must look in the mirror and ask, is it doing enough at this important juncture in world history?

# AGITATING FOR MEANINGFUL VOTER REGISTRATION REFORM IN GRENADA (PART ONE)

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House, the SoE continues with a ‘non-conductive approach’ for consultations about the upgrading of the electronic registration mechanism. In further consideration of the recommendations of the OAS Observer teams over the years for “Reconvening the Constituency Boundaries Commission at the earliest opportunity”

after acknowledging for example, that the boundary descriptions associated with each constituency are often vague and incomplete and with some not contiguous, and that six constituencies contained twice as many electors as the other nine (2022 Report), then the SoE / PEO must be advised strongly that the computerised voter registration system should not be secured without also addressing

the electoral boundaries in particular. With its mantra and pledge to promote monarchy democracy, the call is now made for the Monarchist League to have representation to the King of Grenada / Governor-General for the institutionalizing of the Constituency Boundaries Commission; recall article “How Far Must Grenada Monarchist League Go About Oath Of Allegiance?”.

Along with the need for the re-defining of the electoral boundaries, there is the need for the re-enumerating of the population, as an ‘unavoidable and worthwhile’ aspect in any move for the installation of a new computerised voter registration system. The re-definition of the boundaries and the re-enumeration of the population provide the fundamental platforms

for realizing ‘equity and efficacy’ in governance representation and for reducing political ‘unbalances and disadvantages’. It must be a serious indictment on the electoral system of Grenada to have the OAS Mission confirming in its 24 June 2022 “Preliminary Report of the OAS Electoral Observation Mission for the General Elections of June 23, 2022 in Grenada” that

‘the procedures followed by the PEO to register Commonwealth citizens include provisions that are not always specified in the Representation of People Act and which do not always allow Registration Officers to accurately verify the eligibility of applicants to be registered’. As highlighted in the RPA, the “enumeration process” is about the listing of persons in

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# WOMAN PRAISES JAMES CLARKSON FOR “INSTRUMENTAL” ROLE IN HER LIFE

By Lincoln DePradine

In his long and stellar career as a law enforcement officer, James Clarkson must have had many interactions involving such things as arrests and helping civilians.

Some interactions, Clarkson remembers; others are forgotten.

When a now adult woman, Helen Charles, told Clarkson how he and another officer – whom she remembers only as “Corporal Parkes” – assisted her as a 17-year-old, he expressed surprise and admitted to no recollection of the incident.

“I don’t remember that at all,” Clarkson told

Charles, manager of the Grenada Yacht Club (GYC) Restaurant.

British-born Charles moved to Grenada with her father after he retired from working.

Charles, speaking at an April 4 event at GYC, retold of her receiving the help of Clarkson, a former Commissioner of the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF).

The event, in Clarkson’s honour, was organized by Carenage & Angel Harps International.

Clarkson, who was recognized in speeches and music, as well as with the presentation of a plaque, has spent more than a half-century as pan arranger with Republic Bank Angel

Harps Steel Orchestra.

He’s also an ex-coach of Carenage United Football Club, and a former musical director of the RGPF Band.

“Thirty-one years ago today, you became responsible for me moving to Grenada,” Charles told Clarkson. “Me and my father were building a house and we encountered some very difficult builders who tried to rob us.”

Charles was referred to Clarkson by Neil Cyrus, a Carenage resident popularly known as “Copper”.

“I was crying all day to a friend, who lived on the Carenage, and he said there is one man who will help you,” related



HELEN CHARLES MEETS AND THANKS JAMES CLARKSON AT THE GYC

Charles, who recalled first meeting Clarkson at the Angel Harps panhouse in Tanteen. “I stood in front of you crying.”

The following day, she met with Clarkson and Corporal Parkes on Melville Street. “While we were talking,” said Charles, “the two guys, who tried to rob us of our money when we

were building the house, walked past. And you and Corporal Parkes grabbed these guys and, never in my life, have I ever seen a handcuff go up the back of someone so fast.”

Charles said the men were charged, found guilty and convicted. And, a year after her initial encounter with Clarkson, she again

met him at a bank in St George’s.

She shouted Clarkson’s name and gave him the “biggest kiss” on his cheek, Charles said.

“You were instrumental in us getting our money back and also building our house and finishing it,” she said. “I thank you, Mr Clarkson”.

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Inflation eased and the rate of unemployment declined. Economic growth and Central Government finances are projected to

moderate over the medium-term.

The Fiscal Responsibility Act was the framework for assessing government’s fiscal operations in 2023, during which the Central Government complied with the real growth in primary expenditure, the wage bill, the primary balance and the liabilities of public-private-partnerships. The debt to GDP ratio was above the targeted 55 per cent of GDP.

Over the medium-term (2024-2026), the operations of the Central Government are projected to comply with the Fiscal Resilience Act, which became effective from 1st January 2024, for the wage bill and the primary balance. The debt target of 60 percent of GDP is to be achieved by 2035.

In 2023, the Government sought to improve fiscal transparency. Most of the fiscal and debt

reports were published as stipulated in the legislation, and there were some elements of improvements in the consistency and comprehensiveness of the published fiscal and debt reports. The lack of audited public accounts, which have not been presented to Parliament since 2016, is a breach in the system for oversight and accountability.

The FROC offered recommendations for further refinement of

the Fiscal Resilience Act, improving fiscal transparency and for supporting economic growth and transformation.

The FROC 2023 Annual Report and the FROC 2023 Annual Report at A Glance can be sourced from the website of the Ministry of Finance. The FROC will be answering questions on the Annual Report and fiscal and debt matters that are under the ambit of the FROC at a Press

Conference scheduled to be held virtually, via the Government Information Services Platform, at 10am on Tuesday 23rd April 2024.

For further information contact the FROC via email at frogrenada@gmail.com or telephone 1 473 458 8085 or through our PO Box 3477.

**Laurel Bain**  
Chairwoman Fiscal Resilience Oversight Committee

# CTO’S CARIBBEAN MEDIA AWARDS 2024 TO CELEBRATE EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM



NEW YORK – The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) has announced the return of its Caribbean Media Awards, the prestigious honor given to journalists and influencers whose work has significantly contributed to the promotion of Caribbean tourism.

The awards ceremony, set to spotlight outstanding media contributions from the United States and the Caribbean, is scheduled to take place amidst the vibrant celebrations of Caribbean Week in New York, from June 16 to 21, 2024.

Submissions from public relations agencies, member countries, and the journalistic community

are welcome.

“We’re thrilled to bring back the Caribbean Media Awards,” stated CTO Chairman Kenneth Bryan, who serves as Minister of Tourism and Ports for the Cayman Islands. “These awards are not just about recognizing excellence, they are a testament to the enduring spirit of the Caribbean and its vibrant culture. Our goal is to spotlight the stories that capture the heart of the Caribbean, stories that inspire, inform and engage audiences worldwide. It’s a celebration of the impactful narratives that contribute significantly to our tourism landscape.”

Entries are sought in the following award

categories:

**Best Feature Article or Story:** Recognizes excellence in long-form storytelling (print or online) that provides in-depth analysis, compelling narratives, and unique perspectives on Caribbean culture, history, etc.

**Best News Reporting:** Honors exceptional reporting of breaking news, events, or issues of significance to the Caribbean region that demonstrates accuracy and journalistic integrity.

**Best Podcast/Radio:** Celebrates excellence in podcasting/radio reporting, whether it’s storytelling, interviews or discussions offering engaging and informative Caribbean content.

**Best Photojournalism:** Celebrates impactful visual storytelling through photography, capturing the essence of life in the Caribbean region, from daily life to cultural events, natural landscapes, or social issues.

**Best Video Production:** Honors outstanding video production, including broadcast

news segments, short films, or online video content that showcases the richness and diversity of Caribbean culture, people and landscapes.

**Best Social Media Campaign:** Recognizes innovative and effective social media campaigns (by journalists or influencers) that engage audiences, raise awareness, or promote positive change on issues relevant to the Caribbean region.

**Best Personal Immersive Story:** Highlights a feature story that demonstrated time in the destination, integration and deep exploration of off-the-beaten-path in a destination.

**Diaspora Journalist of the Year:** Honors members of the Diaspora community who impact tourism in the Caribbean region through their storytelling.

**Emerging Journalist of the Year:** Spotlights the achievements of up-and-coming journalists, reporters or content creators who have demonstrated exceptional talent, potential and

commitment to excellence in Caribbean media.

Only entries submitted by CTO government members, their public relations agencies or qualified media shall be eligible.

Minimum circulation for newspaper or magazine entries is 20,000 (1,000 for Caribbean media).

All entries must have been published or broadcast in the 2023 calendar year.

Only one entry per person per category will be accepted.

Submissions should showcase creativity and thoughtful knowledge of the Caribbean and have a provocative story angle.

Criteria for the judging of entries shall be:

- Content – Relevance, accuracy, cohesiveness of material, adherence to journalistic standards
- Structure & Form – Relevance of topic, clarity, pace, structure

(introduction, development and conclusion), presentation of information and ideas

- Title – Relevance of title, concision, clarity
- Quality of Language – Use of language, quality of syntax, quality of sentence structure
- Originality – Originality of ideas, ability to spark audience’s curiosity, boldness, creativity

Entries that do not meet the selection criteria will be disqualified.

Depending on their assessment of the standard of entries, the judges may withhold awards in any category as they see fit. They may also ascribe “Special Mention” (without award) to an entry where warranted.

Decisions of the judges shall be final.

Entrants are required to submit their contributions at <https://bit.ly/caribbeanmediaawards> by the deadline of May 8, 2024.

# TIPS FOR BETTER TEST TAKING

## PREPARE:

- Analyse how you did on a similar test in the past
  - Review your previous tests, and sample tests, especially when studying for the final exam.
  - Each test prepares you for the next! The more tests you take, the better you will develop your test taking strategies.
- Arrive early for tests
  - Before a test, list everything you will need for it that is allowed. (pens/pencils, calculator, dictionary, watch, etc.)
  - Good preparation helps you focus on the task at hand
- Be comfortable but alert
  - Choose a good spot in the room and make sure you have enough space to work, maintain comfortable posture in your seat, but don't "slouch"
- Stay relaxed and confident
  - Keep a good attitude.
  - Remind yourself that you are well-prepared and are going to do well.
  - If you find yourself anxious, take several slow, deep breaths to relax
  - Don't talk about the test to other students just before entering the room! Their anxiety can be contagious

## TEST TAKING:

- Read the directions carefully
  - This may be obvious, but it will help you avoid careless errors
- If there is time, quickly look through the test for an overview
  - Note key terms, jot down brief notes

- If you can, mark the test or answer sheet with comments that come to mind.
- Ask if that is permitted!

## Answer questions in a strategic order:

1. Answer easy questions first to build confidence, score points, and mentally orient yourself to vocabulary, concepts, and your studies. It may also help you make associations with more difficult questions.
2. Then difficult questions or those with the most point value
  - With objective tests, first eliminate those answers you know to be wrong, or are likely to be wrong, don't seem to fit, or where two options are so similar as to be both incorrect.
  - With essay questions, broadly outline your answer and sequence the order of your points.

## REVIEW:

- Resist the urge to leave as soon as you have completed all the items. Review your test to make sure that you
- have answered all questions.
  - did not mis-mark answers
  - did not make simple mistakes
- Proofread spelling, grammar, punctuation, decimal points, etc.

Change answers to questions if you made a mistake, or misread the question or if you find information elsewhere in the test that indicates that your first choice is incorrect

- Decide on and adopt study strategies that work best for you
- Review your test preparation and identify those habits that worked well and replace those that don't!



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# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

## Language Arts

### Spelling

Choose the correctly spelt word to complete each sentence.

1. On the \_\_\_\_\_ of my mother, I came home very early.
  - (A) advise
  - (B) advise
  - (C) advice
2. Grenada's 50th \_\_\_\_\_ Celebrations is on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
  - (A) Independance
  - (B) Independence
  - (C) Independense
3. I will not be \_\_\_\_\_ to our Sports Meet on Friday.
  - (A) comeing
  - (B) comming
  - (C) Coming
4. After all the \_\_\_\_\_, we were awarded eats and drinks.
  - (A) Excitment
  - (B) Excittment
  - (C) Excitement
5. Because of your long \_\_\_\_\_ in medicine, we feel you are best qualified to talk to use.
  - (A) Expearence
  - (B) Experience
  - (C) Experiarence

### Vocabulary

Choose the MOST suitable word to complete EACH of the following sentence.

6. A Qualified Teacher's job is **permanent**, but one on Probation may be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) Stationary
  - (B) Temporary
  - (C) Limited
7. Many birds have **freedom** to move around, but many are in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) Captivity
  - (B) Serene
  - (C) Ecstasy

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8. Jason comes to work every day, rain or shine, he is very \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) Dependable  
(B) Unsteady  
(C) Famous
9. Make haste while the sun shines is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) Analogy  
(B) Proverb  
(C) Idiom
10. My mother asked me to **come at once**. A word which can replace the underlined phrase is:
- (A) Successfully  
(B) Annually  
(C) Immediately

## Grammar

Choose the most appropriate word or words to complete EACH of the following sentences.

11. The men \_\_\_\_\_ football in the wet pasture.
- (A) played  
(B) was playing  
(C) were playing
12. Either the baby or the parents \_\_\_\_\_ sick with the Corona Virus.
- (A) is  
(B) are  
(C) was
13. The elderly lady to \_\_\_\_\_ the gift was presented, visited us the next day.
- (A) which  
(B) who  
(C) whom
14. That dress \_\_\_\_\_ and this one \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) is your's .... is mines  
(B) is yours ..... is mine  
(C) is yours ..... is mines

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

15. The bunch of green bananas \_\_\_\_\_ sold to the vendor at St. George's Market.
- (A) was  
(B) were  
(C) Are

## Capitalization and Punctuation

Choose the sentence in which the capital letters and punctuation marks are ALL correctly used.

16. (A) The tourists found the Jamaican Food to be quite delicious.  
(B) The Tourists found the jamaican food to be quite delicious.  
(C) The tourists found the Jamaican food to be quite delicious.
17. (A) Dear john,  
(B) dear John;  
(C) Dear John,
18. (A) thomas and his siblings live at Mt Fendue St Patricks.  
(B) Thomas and his siblings live at Mt. Fendue, St. Patrick's.  
(C) Thomas and his siblings live at mt. fendue St. Patrick's.
19. (A) Carol's books are lying under the teacher's desk.  
(B) Carols' books' are lying under the teacher's desk.  
(C) Carol's books are lying under the teachers desk.
20. (A) Our school has many interesting extra-curricular activities- Girl Guides, Drumming and Choir.  
(B) Our school has many interesting extra-curricular activities: Girl Guides, Drumming and Choir.  
(C) Our school has many interesting extra- curricular activities; Girl Guides, Drumming and Choir.



# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

## Comprehension

Read the following advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

### GUITAR LESSONS

Have you sat and listened to the Captivating strums of the guitar?  
As someone may say, the guitar talks. Do you want to learn to play the guitar?  
Do you want to bring out the best of yourself? And show your talents?



Come join us at Mastery Music Academy. Cocoa Street, Tunapuna, Trinidad.

Guitar lessons are available for both children and adults.

We open from Mondays to Saturdays.

We offer one-hour sessions for children and two-hour sessions for adults.

Contact Mr Gooding at 29-Music/ 417-6943

21. What is the meaning of the word '**captivating**' as used in the advertisement?

- (A) Repulsive
- (B) Fascinating
- (C) Sweet

22. "**The Guitar talks**" may mean what?

- (A) It is giving you a story or taking you on a musical journey
- (B) You are hearing words amplified from the guitar
- (C) It plays very loud

23. What figure of speech is used when one says, "**the guitar talks**"?

- (A) Similes

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

(B) Hyperbole

(C) Personification

24. What is the Main purpose of the advertisement?

- (A) To make a guitar talk.
- (B) To make persons become the best guitar player
- (C) To convince persons to take guitar lessons

25. Who are targeted in the advertisement?

- (A) Children who want to learn to play guitar
- (B) Adults who want to learn to play guitar
- (C) Persons who want to learn to play guitar

## MATHEMATICS

Read each questions carefully and then choose the correct answer.

1. Which of the following is a multiple of 6?

- (A) 44
- (B) 60
- (C) 49

2. 23, 29, 31 are examples of a set of:

- (A) Composite Numbers
- (B) Prime Numbers
- (C) Even Numbers

3. The place value of the 5 in 34.465 is:

- (A) Tenths
- (B) Hundredths
- (C) Thousandths

4. Which of the following fraction is in its simplest form?

- (A)  $\frac{12}{48}$
- (B)  $\frac{25}{75}$
- (C)  $\frac{10}{21}$

# ADDENDUM LIST OF ELECTORS AS OF 31ST MARCH 2024

The general public is hereby informed that the Addendum to the List of Electors as of 31st March 2024 will be available for inspection from Tuesday 23rd April 2024.

There shall be a seven (7) day period for claims and objections regarding the Addendum from the 23rd to 30th April, 2024. The List can be found in each Parliamentary Elections Constituency

Office and at the Post Offices, Police Stations, Medical Stations and other public places. Request for alterations or corrections of any error in the name, address or polling

division of any registered person should be submitted to the Registration Officer of the Constituency on or before the 30th April, 2024.

Everyone and

particularly those who registered during the quarter, January – March, 2024 are advised to inspect the List to ensure that his or her name is properly included. The List should be checked to

establish whether there is any name included in it that should not be there.

A list of the names, addresses and contact numbers of the registration officers:

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REGISTRATION OFFICERS, OFFICE LOCATIONS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS			
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Carriacou & Petite Martinique	Amanda Jack	Mr. Herbert Alexis' Building, Middle Street, Hillsborough	443-6430
St. Andrew South East	Shirleen Robertson	Agriculture Office, Seaton James Street, Grenville	438-5248
St. Andrew South West	Wayne Horsford	La Qua's Building, Gladstone Road, Grenville	438-5228
St. Andrew North East	Evan George Matthew Bholia	Mr. Henroy Davis' Building, Junction of Paradise and Cocoa Road	442-4068
St. Andrew North West	Marcia Francis	Annex to Mr. Mitchell's shop, Mirabeau	442-4367
St. David	Peter Regis	Former NCB Building, Petite Esperance, St. David Communal Cooperative, Credit Union Building, Perdomontemps, St. David	444-6025
Town of St. George	Stephen Raphael Croney	Bruce Street, St. George's (Close to exit of Sendall Tunnel)	440-4037
St. George North East	Margaret Belfon	Ground Floor of Deco's Building, Tempe, St. George Dr. Alexis' Building, The Greens, St. Paul's, St. George	435-5032 435-9476
St. George North West	Kevin Francis	Happy Hill, St. George (Two-storey building, Happy Hill main road after Shenda Road on the left in a northerly direction)	440-5145
St. George South East	Glen Alexander	Marian Community Centre, Cocoa Road, Marian, St. George Dr. Alexis Building, St. Paul's, St. George	440-6040 435-9477

St. George South	Cheryl Ann Dunbar	Limes Road, Grand Anse, St. George (First building on the right entering the Limes Road) Springs, St. George (Next to Liz and Rawle Restaurant)	439-7108 443-3726
St. John	Catherine Hamlet	Langton Road, Gouyave, St. John (Downstairs Mr. Carlton Frederick's Building on Langton Road)	437-1319
St. Mark	Samuel Britton	Queen Street, Victoria, St. Mark (Downstairs Ms. Louise George's residence, opposite the Fish Market)	437-1101
St. Patrick East	Chrislyn LaBorde	Sauteurs, St. Patrick (GIDC Building)	442-0776
St. Patrick West	Jennifer Charles	Sauteurs, St. Patrick (GIDC Building)	442-0777

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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

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# RESULTS: NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NUTRITION QUIZ FINALS 2024

The Limes Mennonite Primary School are the winners of the National Primary School Nutrition Quiz 2024. The school successfully defended their championship title at the finals held on Thursday 11th April at the Grenada Youth Center. Second place winners in the competition are Woburn Methodist Primary School and third place, Grand Roy Government School.

The other finalist in the competition were St. Patrick's Catholic School (4th place), Harvey Vale Government School and St. Mary's Catholic School. The students

endured four rounds of competition and a bonus round, covering topics within their Home Economics curriculum which included:

Nutrition Terms  
Food groups and food sources  
Importance of good nutrition  
Nutrients, their functions and deficiencies  
Personal and kitchen hygiene rules  
Cookery equipment and their functions  
The GFNC expresses a heartfelt thank you to the students and staff of all schools who participated in this year's competition.



THE LIMES MENNONITE PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE THE WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NUTRITION QUIZ 2024



SECOND PLACE WINNERS, WOBURN METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



THIRD PLACE, GRAND ROY GOVERNMENT SCHOOL

## BERT BRATHWAITE ADVOCATES DOING "THE RIGHT THING"

By Lincoln DePradine

Longtime New National Party member, Dr Bert Brathwaite, says there are "people within the party who should come forward and contest" for NNP leadership at a convention.

"The right thing is to have a convention and stop fiddling around and making excuses," said

Brathwaite. "Let's have a convention. If the party goes back under Dr Mitchell, so be it."

The future of the Keith Mitchell-led NNP has been a topic of debate, locally and regionally, ever since the party lost 9-6 to the now ruling National Democratic Congress in general elections in June 2022.

In the election campaign, Mitchell – who has been prime minister on five occasions – asked for a sixth mandate, calling it "one for the road".

At his first meeting with reporters, following the party's election defeat, Mitchell said he accepted his new role as Opposition Leader with "honour and

gratitude", and planned on being a "mentor and a guide" in the House of Representatives, where he sits as MP for St George North-West.

"The new leadership of the NNP will be chosen at the next convention," Mitchell told reporters. "I will be there to offer my advice and support; but, I will not attempt to dictate or



DR BERT BRATHWAITE

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## COMMENT FIRST & READ LATER | THE PROBLEM WITH PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS IN THE ERA OF SOCIAL MEDIA

By Arley Salimbi Gill

Social media platforms can be powerful stages for discussions in the public sphere. These platforms afford us easy access to audiences across cultures and continents. Facebook has close to three billion monthly active users. Unfortunately, Facebook did not come with a users' manual and people use the platform to instigate,

agitate and react, without conducting their own research on issues they choose to critique.

In this era of social media, great dialogue and debates, and thoughtful reflection and serious engagement with the written word, seem to be dying a slow death. We can agree to disagree, but first, let us find common ground. One way to establish common ground is by reading

articles before critiquing or casting judgement on the author's intention and purpose for writing.

Personally, I enjoy being on social media. I appreciate that I can have the latest sports reports, global news, and current affairs at my fingertips. I am also quite aware that social media platforms can be sites of misinformation, "tebe," and—oftentimes—the twenty-first century

version of "throwing words" or "quarreling over the hedge." This is often the case with social media users who post their opinions on Facebook.

Sadly, too many users who comment, tag, and share on Facebook are not interested in serious, substantive debates and discussion—because they have no interest in engaging with the written word. They seem



ARLEY GILL

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# Battle Sky

By Willow Jade Chandler

In another dreary science class, all dark and gray,  
I lay on the desk, bored with nothing to say.  
Mr. Newton droned on in a monotone voice  
My mind wandered off, I had no choice  
His delivery was just so dull, tiresome and plain  
As for the behaviours of predators, he tried to explain  
My pencil dropped, my eyes glared  
out the window at the sky  
Fixed on the azure blue and cottony whites floating by  
I zoned in on the clouds so fluffy, and bright  
Then suddenly out popped mythical creatures, to my delight  
I spotted a dragon flapping its monstrous wings,  
running around scared  
Cowering from the thunderous howls and  
cries as a poodle and pug squared  
Over a striped red and white candy stick  
This epic battle started and ended really quick  
A green grasshopper let out a shrill cry of attack  
Before it opened its jaws toward a froggy snack  
The mamba thrashed its scaly tail so petrified  
Escaping the drooling jaws of a snapping mouse glow red  
and wide eyed  
A gigantic squid stretched out its arms  
in all directions around a sperm whale  
The beast twisting, whirling and lurching,  
trying to free its tail  
The absurd creature vanished in a spinning in a funnel cloud  
"Wake up and sit up," Mr. Newton instructed out loud  
His low voice broke my dreaming spell  
He walked towards me but I was saved by the bell.

# AGITATING FOR MEANINGFUL VOTER REGISTRATION REFORM IN GRENADA (PART ONE)

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a polling division of a constituency who are qualified to be registered as electors in that polling division and to vote. That is; the enumeration of persons under Section 26D is necessary to give substance to the 'verification and integrity' of the

Consolidated List of Electors, especially on the issues of domicile and residency of voters.

The issue of 'domicile and residency' speaks for example, about "a Commonwealth citizen, who has resided in Grenada for a period of at least twelve months immediately before the date of his registration" (RPA,

section 6 on Entitlement to Registration and section 10 on The Right to Remain Registered). Those provisions do not support but condemn the practice of individuals in the Diaspora using festive occasions such as Independence and Carnival to rush to be registered; this, an 'illegal and unpatriotic' practice has been

alleged to be encouraged and sponsored by political parties. Apart from the need to interrogate judiciously the Citizenship Act (CAP. 54) and to have 'sovereign interpretations' on Part VII on Citizenship of the Constitution, the conditions on 'domicile and residency' should assist with the contentious case

facing Grenada about the 'rationale and qualification' for having individuals who have acquired citizenship to be able to vote at general elections. What is the percentage of registered Citizenship By Investment individuals to the total growth of Grenada's population; noting that during the first quarter of 2024, a total of 1,273 citizens

registered to vote with the consolidated list of 91,145 voters as reported. With the mounting litany of concerns and irregularities about Grenada's voting process, who must be held accountable; as the challenge is now to check the List of Electors for illegal and inaccurate entries!

## PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PRICE NOTICE – APRIL, 18TH 2024

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### Petroleum Products Price Notice

The General public is hereby informed that effective, Thursday, April 18th, 2024, the retail prices of petroleum products (Gasoline, Diesel, Kerosene and Liquefied Petroleum Gas, (LPG), commonly known as, Cooking Gas) in the State of Grenada will be as follows:

#### GRENADA, CARRIACOU, AND PETITE MARTINIQUE

Products	Old Price	New Price	Price Change
Gasoline	\$15.81	\$16.76	\$0.95 increase
Diesel	\$15.80	\$15.09	\$0.71 decrease
Kerosene	\$11.99	\$12.01	\$0.02 increase

#### GRENADA

L.P.G (Cooking Gas)	Old Price	New Price	Price Change
20 lbs. Cylinder	\$40.00	\$40.00	No Change
100 lbs. Cylinder	\$257.50	\$255.00	\$2.50 decrease
Bulk	\$2.65	\$2.65	No Change

#### CARRIACOU AND PETITE MARTINIQUE

L.P.G (Cooking Gas)	Old Price	New Price	Price Change
20 lbs. Cylinder	\$49.00	\$49.00	No Change
100 lbs. Cylinder	\$280.50	\$278.00	\$2.50 decrease
Bulk	\$2.65	\$2.65	No Change

### Notes:

- The Ministry of Finance continues to monitor petroleum product prices and will intervene as necessary if prices exceed \$17.00.
- Petroleum Product Prices of Gasoline, Diesel, and Kerosene within the Tri-Island State of Grenada are fully harmonized in line with statements made by the Minister of Finance in the 2023 Budget Speech.
- The new retail prices are computed based on the average of the actual cost, freight, and insurance rates for Gasoline, Diesel, and Kerosene however, for LPG, the mean Caribbean postings (Platts) for cost was used over the period March 13, 2024, to April 10, 2024.
- Petroleum products are price-controlled goods; therefore, no retailer shall vary the stated prices.

Consumers are strongly encouraged to immediately notify the Price Control/Consumer Affairs Unit in the Ministry of Legal Affairs of any instance of overpricing at telephone number: 440-1369.

## BERT BRATHWAITE ADVOCATES DOING "THE RIGHT THING"



EMMALIN PIERRE



PETER DAVID (LEFT) AND DR KEITH MITCHELL

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impose anyone on the leadership of the NNP"

However, the NNP has not held a convention in more than two years.

Brathwaite has warned of "danger" to the NNP, and of the party being caught "flat-footed" at the call of a general election.

He is "strongly" advocating for potential NNP leadership candidates to engage in an "open process", including "good debate and discussion".

"That's the idea that NNP should be heading towards, in my opinion, at this time to strengthen its legacy in the country," said Brathwaite.

St Andrew South-East

MP Emmalin Pierre, NNP's public relations officer, has said she's interested in becoming the party's leader, but when a vacancy becomes available.

Peter David, MP for Town of St George and NNP's assistant general secretary, has formally notified the party that he plans on contesting the leadership position whenever a party convention is held.

"I welcome other persons coming into the race," David told the Barnacle in an interview in St George's.

"I have put myself in the race; I believe I'm the best candidate. But, certainly, there are other people who want to be a candidate and who believe they're the best candidate. So, I am saying the fact that other

persons are coming in, and putting up their names for leadership, is welcomed."

The NNP and Grenada have had a "great run" with the leadership of Mitchell, and party members have "the greatest of respect for our leader", said Brathwaite, a medical doctor specializing in gastroenterology.

"I have the greatest of praise for him and his stewardship," Brathwaite admitted. "He did say, however, in the last election that he wanted one for the road and he didn't get that one for the road. It is his choice, whether he's made that decision, to come back or not. And, if he wants to come back he should be prepared to face a challenger. That would allow the party to grow and to get its act

together. The earlier that is done, the better it is."

According to Brathwaite, NNP has "a number of people who are quite capable of leading the party", noting that "one member has come forward; another member has indicated that they'll come forward if there's a vacancy".

However, Brathwaite said he doesn't believe that "there needs to be a vacancy" to have a leadership contest.

"It's the right of Dr Mitchell to seek reelection as leader," said Brathwaite. "I feel, personally, if we went back to the polls with Dr Mitchell as our leader, our chances would be less than if we selected a person who has a broad following."

Well-known Caribbean pollster, Peter Wickham, has described the leadership issue of the NNP "fascinating stuff".

"I wish Emmalin Pierre well, as do I wish Peter David well. Let the best person win. But, the key thing really is the vacancy, which doesn't seem to be happening in any hurry," Wickham told journalist Calistra Farrier in an interview.

Wickham described Dr Mitchell as "a political giant" in the Caribbean region.

However, he expressed skepticism of him defeating current Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell at Grenada's next general election.

"The evidence suggests that it would be very, very difficult for the NNP to recover under

Dr Mitchel," said Wickham. "There is a substantial course of opinion in Grenada that suggests Dr Mitchell is a leader who did well but his time has passed."

Brathwaite, assessing potential leadership challengers to Dr Mitchell, said MP Pierre's strengths include "important and critical work" that she has done with Grenadian youth.

David, he said, is someone with a lot of "national appeal", as well as "contacts internationally", and a "good potential candidate to lead the party".

"He's sharp intellectually and he has experience in foreign affairs and also in tourism," added Brathwaite. "He's a team player and I also like that about him."

# COMMENT FIRST & READ LATER | THE PROBLEM WITH PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS IN THE ERA OF SOCIAL MEDIA

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to prefer “throwing words” or “quarrelling over the hedge”, and stirring up “tebe” and confusion based on their ill-informed opinions. I have a case that proves my point.

Weeks ago, I authored an article in which I

shared my reflections of INTERCOL 2024 and my recommendations for future games. My goal for the article was to stimulate positive engagement from Grenadians from all walks of life on INTERCOL and on sports in general in Grenada.

I highlighted key issues from the games and made a couple of salient points on the future of sports development in Grenada. Days after the article was published, I received phone calls from friends about the “stir” I was causing on Facebook. I was unaware of the unfolding social media brawl until

someone tagged me in a Facebook post. I took a quick look and shook my head in dismay. The people creating the stir clearly did not read the article, nor took the time to think critically about the points I was making in the written piece. If the latter is true, our education system is in trouble.

What did I say in my article that created this stir? In the piece, I referenced a Grenada island-wide torch-bearing event. I also rightly mentioned that there was no officially organized national sporting event as part of the 50th anniversary of independence

celebration.

However, Facebook users commenting on the article missed the point that I mentioned a torch-bearing event in my article and, instead, they took the time to remind me that there was an event—involving

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# A BOOK REVIEW: BETWEEN MY ROCK & SOME HARD PLACES BY A GRENADIAN STORYTELLER

By Arley Salimbi Gill

I always heard about the “Wharf”, maybe long before I heard about the Carenage; and, I always wondered where the Wharf begins and ends, viz-à-viz, the Port and the Carenage.

After all, a wharf by any dictionary definition speaks to the mooring of vessels to load and unload goods. And, as a Grenada Boys Secondary School (GBSS) boy (and by the way, great is the GBSS) from the west coast, I walked across the Carenage to and from the Esplanade five days a week for five years.

On those walks, I observed vessels loading and unloading all along the Carenage, but surely that could not be the

“Wharf” often referred to.

It is with Clevroy “DEPO” Depradine, who in his recently launched book, that I finally get to understand what, where and who is this “Wharf”, which I have heard so much about growing up. “The Wharf is the tarpaulin spread of communities extending to Green Street (Herbert Blaize Street), Park lane, Cooper’s Hill, Goat Hill, and a section of Tanteen by family association; but, it was even more than just a geographic location”, as defined by Depo in his book “BETWEEN MY ROCK & SOME HARD PLACES”.

So, the Wharf is more than a geographic space, and one gets

the sense that Wharf people determine who – and where – they consider to be part of their community. And, they made that determination since before 1974. So much for Uncle Gairy being father of independence!

**BETWEEN MY ROCK & SOME HARD PLACES** is a socio-historical text that provides quintessential information on the origins and development of the steelband movement in Grenada, the playing of Mas’, and on calypso tent and calypso; as well as touches on the socio-economic conditions of the pre-independence urban Grenada. It includes a brief introduction of Sir Eric Mathew Gairy, among other invaluable

happenings of 1950’s, 60’s and 70’s Grenadian society.

Depo’s book is more than a worthy addition to Grenadian literature and I highly recommend it to all Grenadians.

It is no surprise that the immediate surroundings of the Port St George will be the first place of call for things good, bad and ugly from outside of Grenada. Vessels, as the main mode of transportation in those days for passengers and goods’ transportation, will make the Wharf the obvious first beneficiary of good, bad and ugly. An understanding of the migratory construct of Grenada in the last three decades – and as far back as pre-

independence in 1974 – will inform us that many Grenadians migrated to the United Kingdom, the Netherlands Antilles (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao), North America (United States and Canada) and Venezuela.

But, it is arguably Trinidad (not so much Tobago) that Grenadians had the most vibrant migratory relationship – the close proximity, booming oil industry, family relations and similar island life, made Trinidad highly attractive. No wonder, the introduction of the steelband movement in Grenada would have reached the Wharf and its environs early, if not first. So that

Hells Cat, Harp Tones, Teensville, Angel Harps and Panasonic were a few of the early steel orchestras in Grenada.

Thus, **BETWEEN MY ROCK & SOME HARD PLACES** is a fair place to start in understanding the origins of the steelband movement in Grenada. Now, mind you, that may not have been the intention of the writer; one senses that all he wanted to do was to talk about his beloved “Wharf”.

The same can be said about the origin and growth of costume design and building, and mas’ bands in Grenada. So that George Coard, Arthur “Pumpkinbeard”

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swimming, cycling, running and more. If commenters had simply googled “torch-relay”, the search would have yielded the following: “an event during which a ceremonial torch is carried on a designated route by a succession of torchbearers. This ceremonial event is not considered a national sporting event. It is ceremonial; not competitive.”

In hindsight, I will take blame for this Facebook “stir” because I did not differentiate between a ceremonial event and a competitive event. Cricket, football and basketball are competitive sports, even when billed as “friendly” sporting events. Also, I should have been clearer in stating what I envision for our 50th anniversary independence celebration is a series of national sporting events or competitions. For example, interparish Under 19 and Senior Cricket competitions; interparish football, or even club football, where all clubs—regardless of division—participate in a knockout competition or whatever format. The same would be true for interparish basketball, table tennis, and other sports.

My point is a simple one. There should be organized competitive sporting events for our sportspeople, as part of our golden jubilee celebration. Not having sports as a central part of our celebration was an unfortunate oversight on the part of everyone involved. I am disappointed that I, and others, did not flag this faux pas until it was too late; and, that the people who chose to engage on this topic missed the key point—sports should never be an afterthought if we are serious about sports development and, specifically, youth development.

Furthermore, Facebook users should never be so obsessed with protecting and defending their political interests that they spend their time and efforts digging for a needle in the haystack, while the bigger and more salient point is right in front of them.

My hope is that the people who selectively chose the points they wanted to comment on from the INTERCOL article or simply did not read the article—commenters I refer to as “nonreaders”—would read the article once-and-for-all. And, in doing so, they will catch the point I was making when I wrote

the following in the article: “To be fair to the organizers, I did not hear any public lobbying from our sporting organizations.”

The truth of the matter is that many of our sporting organizations are hanging on by a thread or even dormant. They are like our two calypso associations. These organizations and associations exist but they are not growing, thriving nor flourishing. Their perpetual state of dormancy and decline is slowly killing certain sporting disciplines. Our independence celebration is an opportunity, in my respectful view, to ignite some activities in these organizations.

Clearly, not everyone will agree with me on everything I write; however, if you are a lover of sports and youth development in this country, you would admit that some of our sporting disciplines are spiraling downwards, and that sports will always be a powerful engine for youth development. To insert party politics into everything is dangerous and shortsighted—our sportspeople deserve better than being an afterthought. Thanks, Roger Byer, for reminding us to keep

cycling on the list as we think of future sporting events. Similarly, I find it hilarious that people who did not read the article (nonreaders) went as far as interpreting my observation as a wholesale attack on the golden jubilee celebration. Their interpretation is furthest from the truth. Where I do agree with the Facebook commenters is in their favourable assessment of the 50th anniversary celebration. I was able to attend several events and I thoroughly enjoyed them.

**We Should All Be Proud of Our Athletes and Our Organizers—CARIFTA Was a Big Success**

I cannot write on sports without a note on the recently held CARIFTA Games in Grenada. I completely enjoyed it! From my observations—the planning, organizing and final execution of the games were brilliant! And congratulations to our athletes. Thank you for proudly representing our nation!

I was impressed. After visiting the market on CARIFTA Saturday at fore-day morning—getting the world’s best fruits and vegetables—

officials and organizers were already at the grounds. Similarly, organizers and officials were at the grounds late the night before (Friday night) as well. What a show of commitment and dedication. A job well done!

However, as we revel in our CARIFTA accomplishments, let us take a moment to remember our CARIFTA swim team, and to Sara Dowden and her family—nuff love, respect and solidarity to you and your family. We send you comfort in this time of loss.

I took in the Sportsmax coverage in the mornings, and oh, what a breath of fresh air—the commentary was spectacular! I learnt a great deal about the athletes and the history of the CARIFTA Games. The commentary was truly world class. One can only hope that Grenada’s INTERCOL commentators appreciated my recommendations.

Another observation is that—by-and-large—athletes from Jamaica, Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago were poised and comfortable in front of the cameras during interviews. They answered their

questions well. This is an area that Grenada needs to work on with our athletes; teachers this one is on you—you will need to collaborate with our coaches. We are preparing our athletes for the world stage.

If you were not at the Kirani James Stadium, you missed a regional sporting treat. I could not understand why there were empty seats. We were told that the two main pavilions were sold out. I inquired and was assured that the tickets for the games were sold out; we cannot blame the organizers for people not showing up in larger numbers.

Grenadians may have decided to stay at home and watch the games from the comfort of their living rooms. This is a new age we are living in; however, our young athletes need to hear our chants and roars in person and from a live audience.

Regarding the final race of the games, I am still a bit annoyed, and our boys should know that they are true champions! I do not know what went wrong with our equipment or whatever else happened. From National Champs, I observed that our

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AUTHOR CLEVROY ‘DEPO’ DEPRADINE

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Coard, Willan “Dupp” Dewsbury, Arthur Ramsay, John Bruno, Ken Sylvester, Robert Patterson, Dennis “Away” Lindsay, Daisy Commissiong, and Francis Redhead are referred to as some of the pioneers of “real mas”. These mas’ men and women are followed by Robert and Dorothy Patterson, Derrick Clouden, Winston “Tan Tan” Julien, Waterman, Sykie Redhead, Pamela Douglas and Wilbur Thomas. The latter names I am more familiar with.

The writer consistently makes the distinction between “real mas” and what he terms “easyism” and “skimpyism”. I get where he is coming

from and I have to concur. He included Peter Bain – a “non-wharfian” – as a real mas’ man and that cannot be debated.

I must confess that this is my first lesson about Rupert Glean, an iconic individual masquerader. I grew up with Waterman being the repeated winner of King of the Band. There are real lessons to be learnt here, and I urge our mas’ band leaders to have a read.

As a calypso aficionado I always heard about Lord Melody, given name Wilfred Baptiste. But, I mostly learnt about him and Papitette by listening to fellas like the Black Wizard and Cyril (liberator) Dixon. In Depo’s book, however, for the first

time I get to understand Melody’s heroic role in operating the “Firestick Calypso Tent” in the drill yard. Here again, the Author provides a good starting point to the origins of early calypso tent in Grenada.

Depo takes us through the first Black carnival queen, J’ouvert, masquerades with steelpan music, Sailor mas’, confrontation between Vieux Cour and steelband men, and other highlights of carnival in the early days. As I said, the emphasis of the Author is about his community; but, there is national learning from the script, which kept me fascinated that I just kept reading and reading.

Then, there is the story

of Chinatown and its characters: The girls – including Petrolina; can-can and sailors. Here, I am of the view that the Author could have been more forthright with the details; but, one can understand if he wanted to browse through the “ugly” – shall we say – like a Hollywood director of his community. Here his language is diplomatic – teasing the reader to imagine.

The salivating tales of Grubay and Leon more than made up for the missing salaciousness of Chinatown. The immortalizing of James Clarkson and Dr. Winston Thomas’s contributions stand out.

Clarkson’s contribution, of course, deserves

the highest national award and if I were a Royalist, I may have campaigned for him to get a knighthood.

Dr. Thomas, whom I knew personally for many years, and fought alongside him until his death, was the most selfless, committed human being that I ever knew. If only he were a good Catholic, he may have achieved sainthood.

The enlightenment of Charlie Hood and Big Bear are refreshing. I’m familiar with both men. But now, I know that I knew nothing about them.

I’ve learnt a lot about the Wharf and wharf people. And, when I see my good friend posing with a T-shirt saying, “If I get loss drop me on the Wharf” – the pride of a community – I now understand better.

However, I am still at a loss as to why the Author – as a Depradine and so proud of his community – is yet to launch a campaign for the relocation of Depradine Street from Gouyave; to have the street relocated to somewhere in the alleys and shortcuts on the Wharf.

Apart from the light and entertaining moments of the Wharf,

the Author gives a good insight on the socio-economic conditions of the community; that is, the fact that community members were neither wealthy nor privileged. The discrimination they faced as students in their quest for an education, much like other communities and families in the Grenada of the 1960’s and 70’s; a discrimination which lingered well into the 80’s, although I dare add that maybe not to the same extent.

The influence of religion on education and which school one attended are very telling lessons in the genesis of an independent Grenada society.

To the non-readers this book is blessed with pictorials which leave you with images of the characters, terrain and sites. One can put a face to a name and a place to the name. I now know the significance of the ruin building that is now called the Ghetto, as well as the building that now houses Dr. Bert Brathwaite’s office. Oh, how things have changed!

It is a good read and it is a well written.

Reading it, one does not feel that they are between a rock and a hard place.



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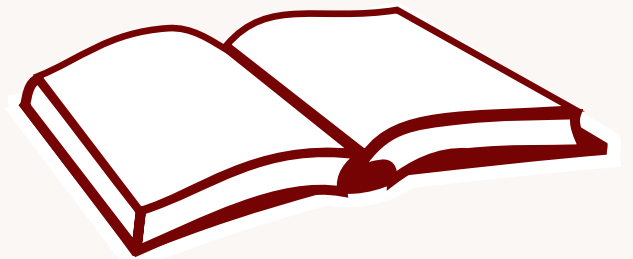


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# STORY CORNER



## Alien Teacher



By a 6th Grade Student

"Good morning, class," greeted the principal who introduced Mr. Augustin. "He will be your teacher for the rest of the year." he continued. I could not believe it! I blurted out loud, "What happen to Mrs. John?"

"It's a private matter that I can't discuss." Mr. Jackson replied politely. Our new grade six teacher was not friendly but very strict.

After the principal left everyone was chatting noisily. Mr. Augustin slammed a ruler hard against the desk. The class become so silent that you could hear a pin drop. Our new teacher was not friendly like Mrs. John but very strict.

The morning class went by quickly. Mr. Augustin had a low, deep voice that almost put me to sleep. I was so bored that I passed a note to Shernia. I did not notice that he was standing behind me. I watched in wide-eyed horror as he snatched up my note. He opened it up and I knew I was doomed. It

was a drawing of him with horns and an alien head. I knew I would receive a detention. Mr. Augustin asked me to write two hundred lines and bring them to the staff room after my netball training.

I was done around six and it was already getting dark so I hurried to find him. Angrily, holding my paper I marched to the staffroom. I poked my head into the window to see if Mr. Augustin was there. There stood the most hideous creature I had ever seen. Its eyes bulged out and looked as round as onions. Its teeth were pointed fangs. Under his shirt were long, purple tentacles and a huge potbelly.

My heart pounded so hard that I could not breathe. I pinched myself to see if I was dreaming but it was real. I tried to run away as fast as my jelly legs could carry me but I could not move. Mr. Augustin started to sniff the air and looked in my direction. He opened his wide mouth and exposed his three rows of fangs. His roar thundered in my ears.

"I'm going to eat you!" he bellowed. With all my strength, I sprinted far way from the staff room. I heard a loud thump behind me in the hallway. I felt hot breath at the back of my neck. I knew the teacher creature was near. I ducked and hear his jaw snap inches above my head. I turned around and saw its eyes were now red, tiny, glowing dots and a black forked tongue swished from side to side. The creature let out a low, loud growl and the veins in its neck popped.

I leaped to my feet and my eyes darted around for somewhere to hide. I stumbled headfirst into a wall. Shaking off the pain, I grabbed

the railing and slid down to the lower area. The creature did not give up but kept snapping its jaw. I struggled to breathe. I needed to find a way to defeat the creature. A light bulb went off in my head and I remembered that some aliens are allergic to water. Thinking back, I cannot recall seeing Mr. Augustin with a coffee mug like the rest of the teachers. I was not far from the showers so I ran aside and locked the door. Mr. Augustin kept banging on the door until it flung open like a cardboard box.

The creature entered the room and roared. I could hear it searching for me. "Over here !" I cried. My chest tightened and my heart thudded loudly as its steps got closer. Finally, I was face to face with the creature. It stretched out its claws to snap off my neck. I ducked and its claws stuck into the pipeline, bursting it. Sprays of water gushed out and the creature screamed and choked in pain. "Urgh! Urgh!" My plan worked. Slowly, the creature melted into the large pool of blob and disappeared down the drain. Gone. Mr. Augustin was gone. I stared at the drain for a long time. I knew he would not be back. I wondered if my new teacher would be an alien.

brown skin. In the distance, I could see huge, black columns of smoke billowing in the air. I inched closer and it was then I realized that the fire was in my neighbourhood.

"Oh, no!" I cried. Although I was tired, with all my strength I sprinted in the direction of the fire. A noisy crowd of curious onlookers were headed the same way. My heart thudded uncontrollably as I got closer to the scene of the burning inferno that greeted me. I was astonished as I realized that the nearby field was engulfed with flames. The red, yellow and orange flames danced between the dried blades of grass. The burning grass crackled noisily as the winds pushed the blaze everywhere. The towering wall of fire soared higher and higher. It hissed and roared and devoured everything in its path. I stood there motionless. The air was thick and heavy, almost stifling. I became teary eyed and my nose stung as the winds swirled the thick, black smoke in my direction. I was fascinated yet terrified of the fire. I prayed and hoped that the fire would not spread to the nearby houses.

I could hear the blaring sounds of roaring fire engine's sirens in the distance grow louder. I was relieved that this raging monster would be dealt with. The fire fighters rushed in with their long snake like hoses sprayed water at the wild, raging flames. They spent over an hour trying to extinguish the fire. After the fire was extinguished, all I could see were smouldering pieces of charred grass and dusty, gray ash. I was relieved that no one was injured, or any houses were damaged the fire.

## The Fire

By a 6th Grade Student

I was walked exhaustedly as headed home from Fun Day at my school. I walked so as I tried to escape the draining, scorching heat of the sun. I felt beads of sweat drip down my face and back. My red, cotton dress stuck to my moist, chocolate

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# BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HANDS OVER RUGBY ITEMS TO THE GRENADA RUGBY UNION



DONATION OF RUGBY EQUIPMENT

In collaboration with SOSKIT AID in the United Kingdom the British High Commission in St George's, Grenada, sourced over 100kg of surplus rugby balls, boots, kit, clothing, and accessories from the United Kingdom. Resident British Commissioner to Grenada, Victor Clark, handed over the rugby items to members of the Grenada Rugby Union.

Receiving the items were Head Coach, Benjamin Hochhalter; Director and Public Relations Officer, Shakim Lord; and Deputy Public Relations Officer, Nigel "Beastmode" Layne.

Members of the union expressed gratitude and explained that this donation was timely as it supports their ongoing recruitment drive and promotion of the sport throughout the island.

Resident British Commissioner Victor Clark said:

"I hope that this donation will add to Grenada's strong sporting heritage through the growth of rugby in Grenada while providing motivation for young Grenadians to get involved with a popular global sport that encourages fitness, teamwork and resilience."

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starting of races was not seamless. Whatever happened—as a spectator—it was clear that something went awry! Is there anything we could have done before CARIFTA to fix what was wrong? In any case, it left a bitter taste in our mouths.

We must look ahead. I am not big on long celebrations—recognizing that we have more work to do. For example, we must ensure that we invest in our athletes and that includes

their nutritional needs and medical coverage.

I believe that national athletes with serious injuries should have their medical bills paid for by the state. The national lottery should help offset this cost, or a special fund should be established to cover medicals, including out-of-state specialists as well as travel and lodging costs, if needed. Such a transformative initiative is needed in sports. We cannot leave it solely up to parents to cover this cost, which is usually expensive and, in most cases—parents simply

cannot afford it.

We must also move toward first class accommodation for our athletes. It should be a goal that we move away from bunk-bedding. I hope our athletic teams in the future are not limited due to budget. Grenada is "big boy" now in Track and Field; let us act like it!

As we think about the future, we should also invest in proper acoustics for the stadium's public address (PA) system. Using microphones from the field has always produced poor

quality sound. Our technicians can advise me accordingly, but I am always wary of relying on field microphones as the best way to communicate with spectators—whatever announcers say from the field should be quick and to-the-point. My reason for saying this is: the system is of such poor quality that it cannot attract and keep the attention of spectators. It does not encourage meaningful engagement with people at the games. As those of us at the games observed, the closing ceremony was in trouble from the

beginning.

And, I will say, that our cultural offerings at the opening and closing ceremonies were not the best that we had to offer. It could have benefited from added creative energy. We simply cannot rely on bits and pieces of carnival arts. To spectators, it seemed like we "slapped" together—and presented what we had.

Of course, our cultural folks represent us well—all the time; but, it comes across as lazy when we recycle the same acts for different occasions.

Thank you, Brenda Baptiste, for holding it all together for us, and for being a formidable host. You clearly were born for this!

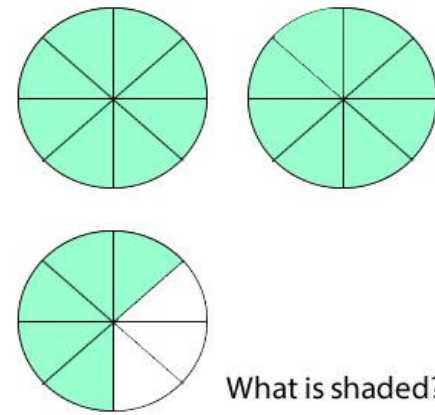
Finally, as we prepare for Trinidad and Tobago next year—can the authorities mobilize us to travel with the team?

I am dreaming of chartered flights with bands of supporters, a massive production of "Support Team Grenada" tee-shirts and caps. Let us make this dream come true. Congratulations, again, Team Grenada!



# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

Question 5 refers to the following diagram which shows a fraction of shaded parts.



What is shaded?

5. The shaded part is:

- (A)  $2 \frac{5}{8}$
- (B)  $\frac{23}{24}$
- (C)  $3 \frac{21}{24}$

6. Find the difference between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$

- (A)  $\frac{1}{6}$
- (B)  $\frac{1}{5}$
- (C)  $\frac{2}{6}$

7. Find the Highest Common Factor (HCF) of 6, 12 and 18 is

- (A) 36
- (B) 6
- (C) 3

8. What are two prime factors of 36?

- (A) 3 and 2
- (B) 6 and 3
- (C) 18 and 6

9. P is an odd number and Q is an even number. Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- (A) The difference between P and Q is even
- (B) The sum of P and Q is odd
- (C) The quotient when P and Q are divided

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

10. Question 10 refers to the following sequence:

5, 9, 13, 17,

The missing number can be obtained by which of the following?

- (A)  $4 \times 6 + 1$
- (B)  $3 \times 5 - 1$
- (C)  $4 \times 5 + 1$

11. Add  $17 + 23.2 + 0.345$

- (A) 41.5
- (B) 40.545
- (C) 23.715

12. Janice and Doug shared mangoes in the ratio 1 : 5. This means that

- (A) Doug gets five more mangoes than Janice
- (B) Doug gets five times as many mangoes as Janice
- (C) Janice gets five times as many mangoes as Doug

13. Which of the following shapes is not a polygon?

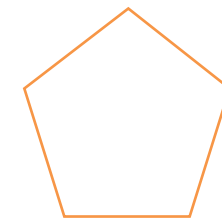
(A)



(B)



(C)



14. If 25% of a number is 55. What is 75% of that same number?

- (A) 220
- (B) 165
- (C) 100

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

Question 15 is based on the clock below which shows the time on a Sunday morning



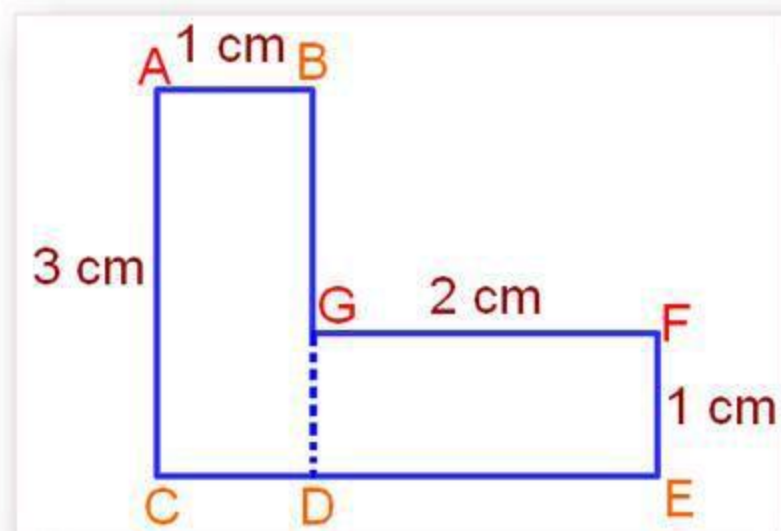
15. What time will it be 31 minutes later

- (A) 12:45 a.m
- (B) 11:45 a.m
- (C) 12:00 a.m

16. A bag of rice weighs 3.5 kg. How many grams of rice are in the bag?

- (A) 3500 g
- (B) 350g
- (C) 35000g

Questions 17 and 18 are based on the shape below.



17. What is the Perimeter of the shape above?

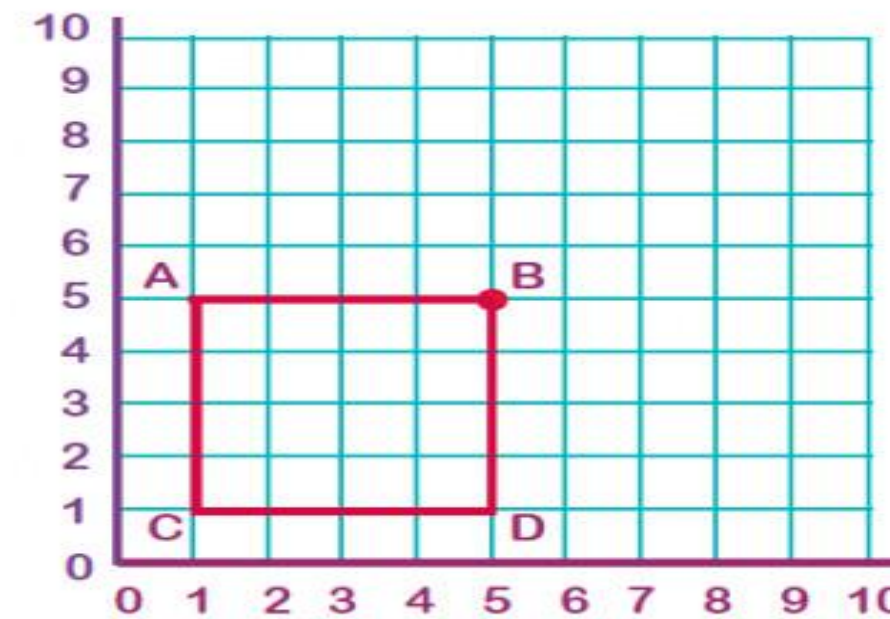
- (A) 7 cm
- (B) 9 cm
- (C) 12 cm

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

18. What is the area of the shape?

- (A) 5 cm<sup>2</sup>
- (B) 3cm<sup>2</sup>
- (C) 12cm<sup>2</sup>

Questions 19 and 20 are based on the diagram below.



19. What are the coordinates for the vertex A on the graph?

- (A) 1, 1
- (B) 1. 5
- (C) 5, 1

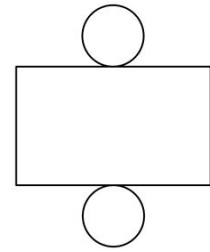
20. Coordinates 5, 5 is plotted on which letter?

- (A) 1, 1
- (B) 1, 5
- (C) 5, 5

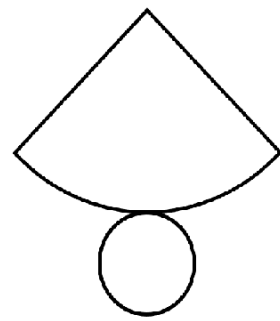
# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

21. Which of the following is the net of a cone?

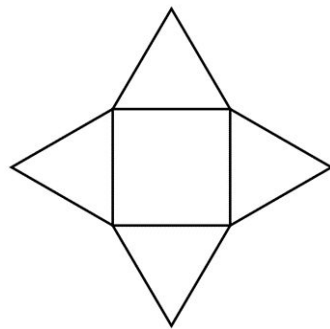
(A)



(B)



(C)



22. The above shapes are solids because they are \_\_\_\_\_ shapes.

- (A) 2-D
- (B) 3-D
- (C) 4-D

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

Question 23 to 25 refer to the following pictograph which shows the number of books sold at the Teachers' School Supplies in a given week. The key shows the symbol representing a number of pupils

Days	Books sold
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

Each represents 5 copies sold

23. On which two days the same amount of books were sold?

- (A) Saturday and Monday
- (B) Saturday and Wednesday
- (C) Thursday and Friday

24. What is the average attendance for the week?

- (A) 170
- (B) 29
- (C) 28

25. How many more books were sold on Wednesday than on Friday?

- (A) 20
- (B) 40
- (C) 30

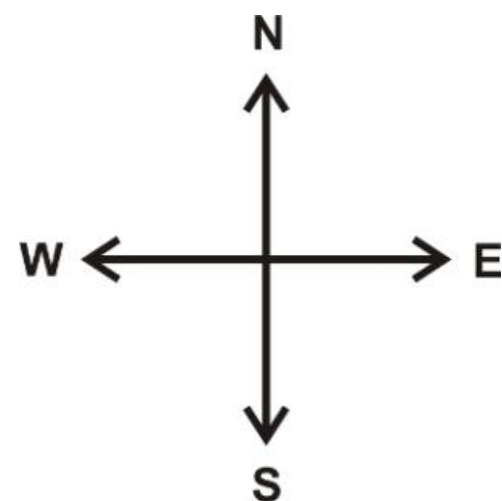
# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

## Social Studies

Read each question carefully and choose the correct answer.

- One reason why our European ancestors came to the Caribbean was to
  - Plant crops and rear animals
  - Become healthy
  - Seek wealth
- Which of the following is NOT one of the indigenous peoples of the Caribbean?
  - Kalingos
  - Africans
  - Ciboneys
- Diwali, festival of the lights, is associated with our ancestors from
  - East India
  - China
  - Africa
- Which of the following is a non- renewable resource?
  - Oil
  - Water
  - Animals
- People have a right to be heard and a responsibility to
  - Show respect to others
  - Not harm other persons
  - Dress modestly

Question 6 refers to a symbol on a map.



# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

- What unit of measurement does this symbol represents?
  - Location
  - Climate
  - Cardinal Points
- Which of the following is the MOST common system of government in the Caribbean?
  - Communist
  - Dictatorship
  - Constitutional Monarchy
- A type of Family which is made up of Husband, wife and child/children is
  - Nuclear
  - Extended
  - Common – Law
- All of the following are members of CARICOM except
  - Haiti
  - Belize
  - Honduras
- A Minister of Government presents the National Budget of Revenue and expenditure. Which Minister presents this Annual Budget?
  - The Minister of Finance
  - The Minister of Security
  - The Prime Minister
- The right to vote in a Political Election is known as
  - Franchise
  - Equality
  - Freedom
- In the Caribbean, the voting age in General Elections is
  - 21
  - 16
  - 18
- Human Rights are rights and freedoms of
  - children
  - adults
  - all persons

# CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI) – CALL FOR PROPOSALS OPEN



**BRIDGETOWN, Barbados** – The High Commission of Canada in Barbados is delighted to announce its annual call for proposals for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) for 2024-2025. The High Commission of Canada invites local, national or regional civil society organizations, academic institutions and government agencies in eligible countries to submit their project proposals for consideration by Friday, May 3, 2024.

The CFLI is a unique program designed to support small-scale, high-impact projects in ODA-eligible countries that align with the Government of Canada's

thematic priority areas for engagement. The majority of CFLI funding is directed toward local civil society organizations (including non-governmental organizations) and other institutions working at the community level. The CFLI contribution is between \$25,000 to \$50,000 Canadian dollars for innovative projects that can deliver measurable results by February 28, 2025.

The High Commission of Canada has three focused CFLI thematic priority areas for engagement in the

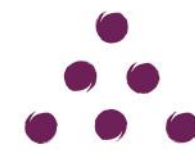
Eastern Caribbean for 2024-2025. These targeted priority areas are:

**INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE**, including democracy, peaceful pluralism, respect for diversity, and the rule of law, promoting and protecting human rights, including LGBTQI+ rights, and equitable access to a functioning justice system; **GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS**, including addressing sexual and

gender-based violence, supporting strong and sustainable women's rights organizations and movements, supporting evidence-based policymaking, legal frameworks and program delivery for gender equality; and, **PEACE AND SECURITY** with a focus on conflict prevention and building peace, for example, supporting gender-responsive security threat reduction and security system reform, including addressing organized crime, human trafficking and smuggling, corruption, cyber-

violence, illicit financial flows, and sexual and gender-based violence in the security system. Eligible countries within the High Commission's area of responsibility include Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Interested organizations should visit <https://tinyurl.com/CFLIOCS24> for more information, or contact the CFLI Coordinator via email at [cflibar.oecs@gmail.com](mailto:cflibar.oecs@gmail.com) to request an application package.



SIX SENSES

## Reset and Reconnect with Enriching Caribbean Experiences, from April 10

**LA SAGESSE, Grenada** – This week marks the much-anticipated opening of Six Senses La Sagesse, the brand's debut resort in the Caribbean. With a pride of place beachfront setting, verdant rolling hills and spacious accommodation, the resort's location offers effortless access to Grenada's shimmering reefs and mystical rainforests. The island's incredible natural beauty and soul-connecting cultural experiences provide the perfect backdrop for a journey of discovery, rejuvenation and celebration.

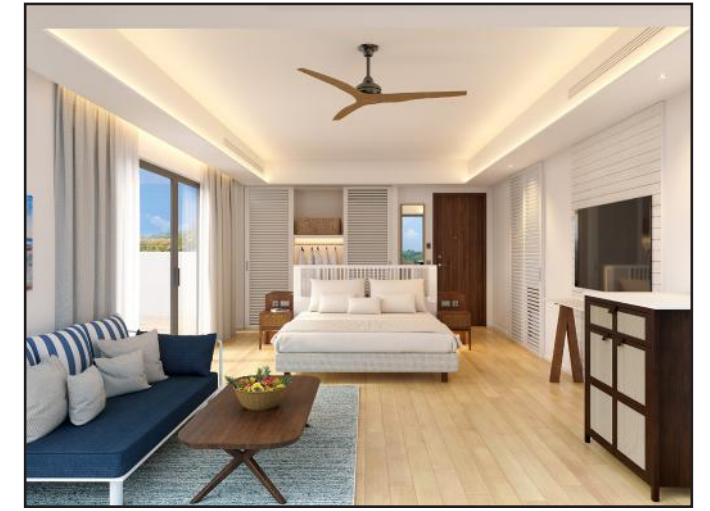
*immensely grateful to be breaking the mold and inviting the world to experience a side of Grenada that retains an incredible purity and remains somewhat undiscovered."*

Six Senses La Sagesse, the newest addition to Six Senses which is a part of IHG's luxury and lifestyle portfolio, has 56 pool suites and 15 villas, ranging from one, two and four bedrooms, all with large outdoor terraces and private plunge pools. Every aspect of the resort's design has been carefully considered, putting guests' well-being at its heart, from abundant light and space to using natural and repurposed materials for the interiors.

# A WARMHEARTED WELCOME TO SIX SENSES LA SAGESSE GRENADA



THE 56 POOL SUITES AT SIX SENSES LA SAGESSE, GRENADA COMBINE ECO-CREDENTIALS AND COMFORT.



SUITES FEATURE A KING BEDROOM WITH A SEPARATE LIVING SPACE AND A GENEROUSLY SIZED TERRACE.



THE 15 VILLAS OFFER A PRIME HILLSIDE OR BEACHFRONT SETTING. THE CONTEMPORARY VILLAS USE NATURAL AND REPURPOSED MATERIALS AND OPEN OUT ONTO PRIVATE PLUNGE POOLS.



SIX SENSES SPA IS INSPIRED BY A TRADITIONAL CARIBBEAN VILLAGE AND FACES THE LAGOON AT THE CENTER OF THE RESORT.

**Thomas Fehlbier, General Manager**, says: *"Grenada is divided into six parishes, and La Sagesse, which is in the South-Eastern parish of St. David, has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years. It is filled with vibrant energy, and we are delighted to be opening our doors and welcoming our first guests to discover this unique location. Our hosts, many of whom were born and raised minutes from the resort, along with the neighboring community, are full of pride and all-embracing. We are*

**Grenadian farm-to-table experiences like no other**

The Experience Center at the resort offers unique experiences to connect guests with Grenada's Spice Island heritage and learn about its culture and way of life. This includes exciting activities like farm-to-table cooking, Caribbean-style high tea, waterfall dips, rainforest hikes and visits to dramatic coastlines. Each represents the convergence of tradition, sustainability,

culture and community and is designed for visitors of all ages.

One bespoke tour offers behind-the-scenes farming experience, where guests can meet Theresa Marryshow, the Head of Grenada's local women's farming organization Grenrop. Guests can learn about Grenrop's commitment to community development while enjoying culinary delights that reflect the essence of Grenadian

cuisine.

Grenada is famous for providing one of the richest world-renowned cocoa beans, and a trip to the island is incomplete without exploring its internationally award-winning organic dark chocolate. The excursion provides an opportunity to experience the essence of Grenada's chocolate-making tradition, culture and history from a farmer's perspective.

**Authentic dishes and delicacies from the land and sea**

Featuring three restaurants, two bars, a bakery and destination dining that incorporates the Eat With Six Senses ethos, Six Senses La Sagesse menus are inspired by Caribbean and South American cuisine while keeping well-being in mind. Led by Executive Chef Jason Miller, every dish is brought to

life with bold flavors using local produce grown in the fertile volcanic Grenadian soil. The resort team is committed to growing on-site and working with local suppliers to serve up fresh ingredients, maintaining a closeness to the surrounding community and reducing the resort's carbon impact. Furthermore, a carefully curated selection of cocktails, local and

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# ADVISORY REGARDING AMPLIFIED SOUND

The Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) has noticed a trend where individuals and groups organize and advertise events involving amplified sounds without first obtaining the necessary approval from the office of the Commissioner of Police.

This practice can potentially lead to public disturbances, inconveniences, and financial loss to organizers should the request for amplified

sounds for these events be eventually denied.

Section 18 of the Noise Control Act says the authority to grant permission to use amplified sound lies with the office of the Commissioner of Police. Approval is granted after careful assessment and consideration of various factors, including, but not limited to:

The time and duration of the activity.  
The potential for

public disturbance or hindrance, including traffic consideration. Risks of violence or conflicts. Reasonability of sound. While the RGPF respects the rights of individuals to conduct business and engage in activities, it is equally important for us to consider the rights of others in our society.

This includes considerations for:

Places of worship. Vulnerable groups like

the elderly. Educational institutions and students. The right to peaceful enjoyment of one's home. Therefore, we urge all event organizers and individuals planning activities involving amplified sound to adhere to the legislation to obtain timely approval for their events. This does not only ensure compliance with the law but fosters a harmonious society where everyone's rights are respected.



For detailed guidance on the approval process and requirements, please contact the Community Relations Department (440 3764;

405 5324).

Let's collaborate to create a peaceful and respectful environment for all.

# JAMES CLARKSON: “ONE OF THE WORLD’S GREATEST MUSICIANS”



JAMES CLARKSON WAS SUPPORTED BY FAMILY MEMBERS AT THE CAHI TRIBUTE TO HIM



FORMER ANGEL HARPS CAPTAIN CLEVOY DEPRADINE PRESENTED THE AWARD TO JAMES CLARKSON



CLEVOY “DEPO” DEPRADINE, AUTHOR OF ‘BETWEEN MY ROCK & SOME HARD PLACES’

Grenadian James Clarkson has been described as incomparable as a musician, with calls for greater national and regional recognition to be bestowed upon him, including honorary doctorate titles, for his musical talent.

“He’s one of the world’s greatest musicians. This guy has done so much musically,” said Grenada-born musician and arranger, Michael “Skell” Redhead, noting Clarkson’s association with American jazz trumpeter and composer, Miles Davis, and with popular

recording artiste and singer Diana Ross, for whom Clarkson wrote music.

Canada-based Redhead was a speaker, and also a saxophone performer, at an April 4 tribute held in honour of Clarkson, who celebrates his 80th birthday on April 21.

The event, at the Grenada Yacht Club, also included the launch of the newly published “Between My Rock & Some Hard Places”.

“May this award ceremony and book launch remind us of

our own potential to contribute positively to society and encourage us in our endeavours. As we move forward, let’s be mindful of the importance of supporting one another. In our creative pursuit, let us remember that every achievement is a step forward for a more enlightened, compassionate and understanding world,” said clergyman Michael Marshall, Archdeacon of the Anglican Church in Grenada.

Archdeacon Marshall, who was born and grew up on the Carenage, was one of 15 people awarded for their contributions to the Carenage community.

Other awardees included pannists Richard “Bones” Mitchell, Michael “Boose” Cyrus and David Seales; creative artist Rawle Steele; William Brathwaite of the iconic small

business outfit known as “Brathwaite Shop”; sports organizer Rupert “Bear” Williams; sports administrator Sir Walter St John; ex-national footballer Bruce Bain; former national table tennis player and sports organizer Charlie Hood; retired senior public servant Pamela Steele; community organizer Peggy Nesfield; former Calypso Monarch Walter “Dictator” Thomas, who composed and sang “Brighter Out of Darkness”; and media professionals Lew Smith and Troy Garvey, who described the Carenage as an area “so rich in history, tradition and culture”.

Garvey, who was Master of Ceremony for the event, revealed that an initiative “is in train” to have Clarkson recognized by both St George’s University and the University of the West Indies (UWI), saying he’s “someone who is quite deserving

of this”.

The event, organized by Carenage & Angel Harps International (CAHI), brought together a cross-section of Grenadians including parliamentarians Peter David, MP for the Town of St George, and Senator Claudette Joseph, attorney general and minister of labour.

Others present included former Angel Harps manager Evelyn Ross; Grenada Steelbands’ Association president, Victor Ashby; and, former St Joseph’s Convent students, who were tutored by Harps’ pannists in the 1970s.

The students became the first all-female stage-performing steelband in Grenada.

“This event is the first of many” that would seek to recognize and highlight the sporting and cultural achievements “of the Wharf/Carenage area in a meaningful way”, said Clevo DePradine, a CAHI official and author of “Between My Rock & Some Hard Places”.

DePradine is also a former captain of Republic Bank Angel Harps, which performed at the event.

Other entertainers

were US-based Grenadian musician Peter “Zack” Bernard and saxophonist Redhead, who rendered a jazz interpretation of “Brighter Out of Darkness”.

Clarkson, as a child, played several instruments and “I was in awe of him”, Redhead said. “I feel so proud to call you my friend.”

Clarkson was recruited – while performing as a teenager at the Yacht Club – to join the West India Regiment.

He accepted the offer and left the Grenada Boys’ Secondary School for Jamaica, where a regiment unit was based. Clarkson was just 17.

After the collapse of the West Indies Federation, Clarkson went to Trinidad, where he arranged music for the Defence Force band and national steel orchestra.

Clarkson accompanied the Trinidad musical delegation to Expo ’67 in Montreal. He also studied at McGill University in Canada.

Clarkson’s many friends in Trinidad included ace arranger Frankie McIntosh.

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# INTERNATIONAL TOURISM TO REACH PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS IN 2024

Following a strong 2023, international tourism is well on track to return to pre-pandemic levels in 2024.

According to the first UNWTO World Tourism Barometer of the year, **international tourism ended 2023 at 88% of pre-pandemic levels**, with an estimated 1.3 billion international arrivals. The unleashing of remaining pent-up demand, increased air connectivity, and a stronger recovery of Asian markets and destinations, are expected to underpin a full recovery by the end of 2024.

## Middle East, Europe and Africa performed strongest in 2023

The latest UNWTO World Tourism Barometer provides a comprehensive overview of the sector’s performance in 2023, tracking recovery by global region, sub-region and destination. Key takeaways include:

- The Middle East led recovery in relative terms as the only region to overcome pre-pandemic levels with arrivals 22% above 2019.
- Europe, the world’s most visited

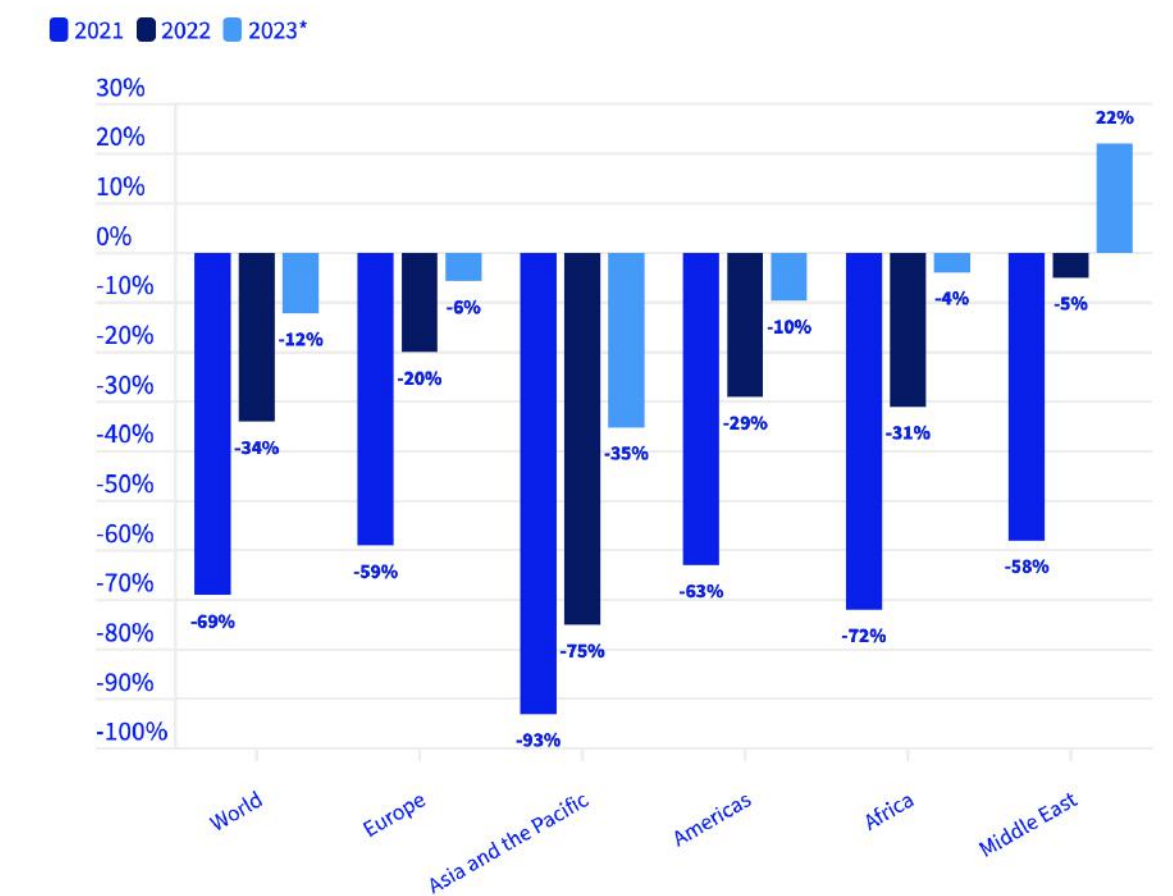
region, reached 94% of 2019 levels, supported by intra-regional demand and travel from the United States.

- Africa recovered 96% of pre-pandemic visitors and Americas reached 90%.
- Asia and the Pacific reached 65% of pre-pandemic levels following the reopening of several markets and destinations. However, performance is mixed, with South Asia already recovering 87% of 2019 levels and North-East Asia around 55%.

Available data shows several destinations, including both large, established destinations as well as small and emerging ones, reporting double-digit growth in international arrivals in 2023 when compared to 2019. Four sub-regions exceeded their 2019 arrival levels: Southern Mediterranean, Europe, Caribbean, and North Africa.

UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili says: “The latest UNWTO data underscores tourism’s

## International Tourist Arrivals (% change over 2019)



Source: UN Tourism | World Tourism Organization © + % change over 2019 | \*Preliminary figures  
Data as collected by UN Tourism, January 2024. Published: 19/01/2024

resilience and rapid recovery, with pre-pandemic numbers expected by the end of 2024. The rebound is already having a significant impact on economies, jobs, growth and opportunities for communities everywhere. These numbers also recall the critical task of progressing sustainability and inclusion in tourism development”

## International tourism hit US\$1.4 trillion in 2023

The latest UNWTO data also highlights the economic impact of recovery.

- International tourism receipts reached USD 1.4 trillion in 2023 according to preliminary estimates, about 93% of the USD 1.5 trillion earned by destinations in

- 2019. Total export revenues from tourism (including passenger transport) are estimated at USD 1.6 trillion in 2023, almost 95% of the USD 1.7 trillion recorded in 2019.
- Preliminary estimates on the economic contribution of tourism, measured in tourism direct gross domestic

product (TDGDP) point to USD 3.3 trillion in 2023, or 3% of global GDP. This indicates a recovery of pre-pandemic TDGDP driven by strong domestic and international tourism.

Several destinations reported strong growth in international tourism receipts during the first ten to twelve months

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## INTERNATIONAL TOURISM TO REACH PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS IN 2024

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of 2023, exceeding in some cases growth in arrivals. Strong demand for outbound travel was also reported by several large source markets this period, with many exceeding 2019 levels.

The sustained recovery is also reflected in the performance of industry indicators. According to the UNWTO Tourism Recovery Tracker, both international air capacity and passenger demand recovered about 90% of pre-pandemic levels through October 2023 (IATA). Global occupancy rates in accommodation establishments reached 65% in November, slightly above 62% in November 2022 (based on STR data).

### Looking Ahead to 2024

International tourism is expected to fully recover pre-pandemic levels in 2024, with initial estimates pointing to 2% growth above 2019 levels. This central forecast by UNWTO remains subject to the pace of recovery in Asia and to the evolution of existing economic and geopolitical downside risks.

The positive outlook is reflected in the latest UNWTO Tourism Confidence Index survey, with 67% of tourism professionals indicating better or much better prospects for 2024 compared to 2023. Some 28% expect similar performance, while only 6% expect tourism performance in 2024 to be worse

than last year. Key considerations include:

- There is still significant room for recovery across Asia. The reopening of several source markets and destinations will boost recovery in the region and globally.
- Chinese outbound and inbound tourism is expected to accelerate in 2024, due to visa facilitation and improved air capacity. China is applying visa-free travel for citizens of France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Malaysia for a year to 30 November 2024.
- Visa and travel facilitation measures

will promote travel to and around the Middle East and Africa with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries to implement a unified tourist visa, similar to the Schengen visa, and measures to facilitate intra-African travel in Kenya and Rwanda.

- Europe is expected to drive results again in 2024. In March, Romania and Bulgaria will join the Schengen area of free movement, and Paris will host the Summer Olympics in July and August.
- Strong travel from the United States, backed by a strong US dollar, will continue to benefit destinations in the Americas and

beyond. As in 2023, robust source markets in Europe, the Americas and the Middle East, will continue to fuel tourism flows and spending around the world.

- Economic and geopolitical headwinds continue to pose significant challenges to the sustained recovery of international tourism and confidence levels. Persisting inflation, high interest rates, volatile oil prices and disruptions to trade can continue to impact transport and accommodations costs in 2024.
- Against this backdrop, tourists are expected to increasingly seek

value for money and travel closer to home. Sustainable practices and adaptability will also play an increasing role in consumer choice.

- Staff shortages remain a critical issue, as tourism businesses face a shortfall in labor to cope with high demand.
- The evolution of the Hamas-Israel conflict may disrupt travel in the Middle East and impact traveler confidence. Uncertainty derived from the Russian aggression against Ukraine as well as other mounting geopolitical tensions, continue to weigh on confidence.

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“He should be nominated for a UWI doctorate. Folks, with far lesser credentials than his, have received one,” McIntosh said in a congratulatory note to Clarkson on the special tribute event organized by CAHI.

Then Grenada Premier Eric Gairy met Clarkson in Canada. “When you

finished school, I have a job for you,” Clarkson, who also excelled at football and cricket, remembered Gairy telling him.

By age 25, Clarkson was an inspector in charge of the musical band of the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF). He was RGPF Commissioner at 37.

As musical director

with Angel Harps, Clarkson has won festival titles for the band and more than a dozen senior panorama championships in a half-century of service to the steel orchestra.

Clarkson said he “brought a different texture” to the steelband, which is based in Tanteen.

“I’m happy that I spent

that length of time with them,” said Clarkson, who was presented with a plaque and copies of books written by DePradine and basketball coach Naka Joseph.

Ronald “Mitchie” Bain, like Clarkson, was a pan arranger with Angel Harps.

Bain, too, was in the RGPF band when it

was led by Clarkson. The two also performed together in New York. Several times, said Bain, Trinidad tried to “steal” Clarkson, offering him Trinidadian citizenship.

“He refused to renounce his citizenship of Grenada in order to get a scholarship from the government of Trinidad and Tobago. And, that’s the guy he is,” said Bain.

“It’s time that Grenada starts acknowledging what individuals like James have done for the country,” Bain added.

“I know of nobody that I can compare to him. I’ve played with lots of musicians in the US Army; been to their schools; met lots of fine musicians; but, when it comes to matching James, there’s none.”



## A WARMHEARTED WELCOME TO SIX SENSES LA SAGESSE GRENADA

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international wines, and Grenadian specialty rums is available to enhance each dining experience.

### Where age-old traditions and modern rituals meet

The spa is designed to leverage the abundance of fragrant spices with medicinal healing properties, along with local community knowledge, age-

old traditions, and indigenous plants and herbs, to create innovative wellness programs that focus on sleep, movement, yoga, and longevity. The spa offers high-tech and high-touch therapies, guided by in-house experts and Visiting Practitioners, to help guide guests on a personal path to growth and reconnection.

Guests can indulge in bespoke treatments, including the Caribbean Cleansing Ritual,

infused with island culture to promote balance. This ritual is topped off with a refreshing cup of local bush tea, providing the perfect end to a perfect experience. The Alchemy Bar, which can be found at all Six Senses resorts, allows guests to create potions and remedies using spices and herbs native to Grenada.

### The transformation of the Lagoon

Six Senses La Sagesse prioritizes the conservation of local ecology while delivering a world-class guest experience the resort is designed around a natural lagoon that serves as a thriving habitat for a diverse range of species, including birds, fish, and other animals. Great care has been taken to maintain this ecosystem, deepening the water body during the resort’s development to allow small marine animals to enter its safe waters. The

lagoon now naturally ebbs and flows with the tides, providing a haven for these creatures.

A selection of fruits, nuts and seeds have also been planted that attract migratory birds and local fauna, while gradually advancing the growth of indigenous grasses, shrubs, and trees, as naturally dispersed seeds are carried across the landscape. Native trees, including local White Cedar, Rock Fig, Bluggoe, and Plantain,

are incorporated throughout the resort, providing a resilient biosphere that co-exists with the seasons.

Six Senses La Sagesse is 35 minutes by car from Grenada’s Maurice Bishop International Airport, which is served by year-round flights from North America, Canada, and Europe. Dining and spa reservations will be available to residents, visitors, and members of the general public from May 1, 2024.

## Did you know?

The Grenada Ports Authority participates in an international framework of contracting governments, governmental agencies, local administrators and shipping and port industries to ensure international trade is conducted in a safe and secure environment.

A major component of this framework is the International Ship and Port Facility (ISPS) Code.

The ISPS Code entered into force under the SOLAS (Safety Of Life At Sea) Chapter XI - 2, on July 1st, 2004.

The ISPS Code assesses and detects potential security threats to ships and port facilities.

The ISPS Code ensures adequate and proportionate Maritime Security Measures are in place on board Ships and in Ports at all times.

Helmets, High Visibility Vests and Safety Shoes are the MINIMUM Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required to enter the Port area.

Children 12 years and under are not allowed to enter the Port.

The Grenada Ports Authority safety slogan is: "Safety is Everybody's Business"

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- Toys & Games

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

14. The center of a hurricane is referred to as the
- (A) eyewall
  - (B) eye
  - (C) strength
15. The point on the earth's surface directly above the point where an earthquake occurs is called the
- (A) Epicentre
  - (B) Focus
  - (C) Fault

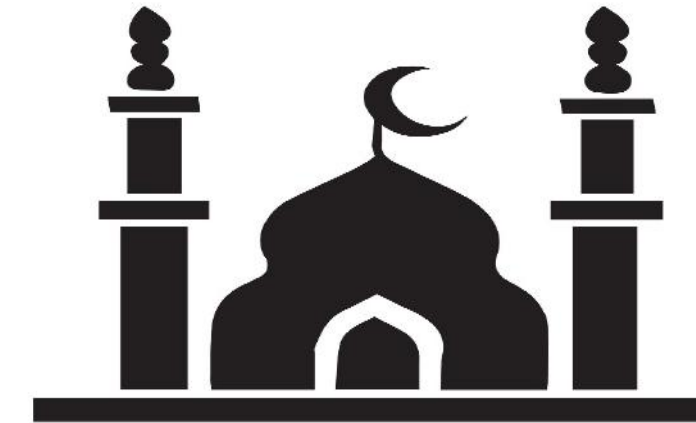
Question 16 and 17 are based on the diagram given.



16. What health condition can be caused by the pollution displayed in the picture above?
- (A) Diabetes
  - (B) Measles
  - (C) Asthma
17. What type of pollution is shown above?
- (A) Land
  - (B) Water
  - (C) Air
18. The Treaty that was signed to established OECS is called the
- (A) Treaty of Paris
  - (B) Treaty of Basseterre
  - (C) Treaty of Chaguaramas

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

Questions 19 is based on the diagram below.



19. Many person worship in the building above. They are most likely:
- (A) Hindu
  - (B) Muslim
  - (C) Christian
20. The Holy Book of the Muslims is called
- (A) The Vedas
  - (B) The Holy Bible
  - (C) The Qur'an
21. One festival of the Hindu is
- (A) Eid Al Fitr
  - (B) Diwali
  - (C) Easter
22. Saraca, Obeah, Voodoo originate from the
- (A) Europeans
  - (B) Indians
  - (C) Africans
23. The Caribbean Region is located between the Equator and the
- (A) Tropic of Cancer
  - (B) Tropic of Capricorn
  - (C) The Antarctic Circle



# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

24. The Commonwealth of nations is made up of

- (A) 52 States
- (B) 56 States
- (C) 50 States

25. The Commonwealth of Nations is headed by

- (A) A Governor General
- (B) A President
- (C) The King

## Science and Technology

Read each question carefully and write the letter of the correct answer.

1. The type of rock which exist in layers is called

- (A) Bedrock
- (B) Sedimentary
- (C) Metamorphic

2. Which soil type is best suited for growing tomatoes?

- (A) Clay
- (B) Sand
- (C) Loam

3. Resources that can be replaced over a period of time is called

- (A) Renewable
- (B) Non-renewable
- (C) Unsustainable

4. Revolution of the earth takes

- (A) One day
- (B) One year
- (C) One week

5. The process of transferring pollen grains from the anther to the stigma is called

- (A) Fertilization
- (B) Pollination
- (C) Germination

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

6. Crabs, shrimps and lobsters belong to this group of Invertebrates:

- (A) Molluscs
- (B) Arachnids
- (C) Crustaceans

7. Which of the following characteristics is used to identify monocots from dicots?

- (A) Their shoot system
- (B) Their root system
- (C) The size of the plant

Question 8 and 9 refer to the following diagram of a Human tooth.



8. This type of tooth is a/an

- (A) Molar
- (B) Canine
- (C) Incisor

9. This tooth is used for \_\_\_\_\_ food.

- (A) Cutting
- (B) Crushing
- (C) Tearing

10. The heart is part of which System?

- (A) Nervous
- (B) Excretory
- (C) Circulatory

11. Which of the following organs of the human body helps with balance?

- (A) The bones/muscles
- (B) The ear
- (C) The lungs

12. An animal which chews its cud is called a

- (A) Non- Ruminant
- (B) Ruminant
- (C) Poultry

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

13. Ruminants are animals with \_\_\_\_\_ stomachs.

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Four

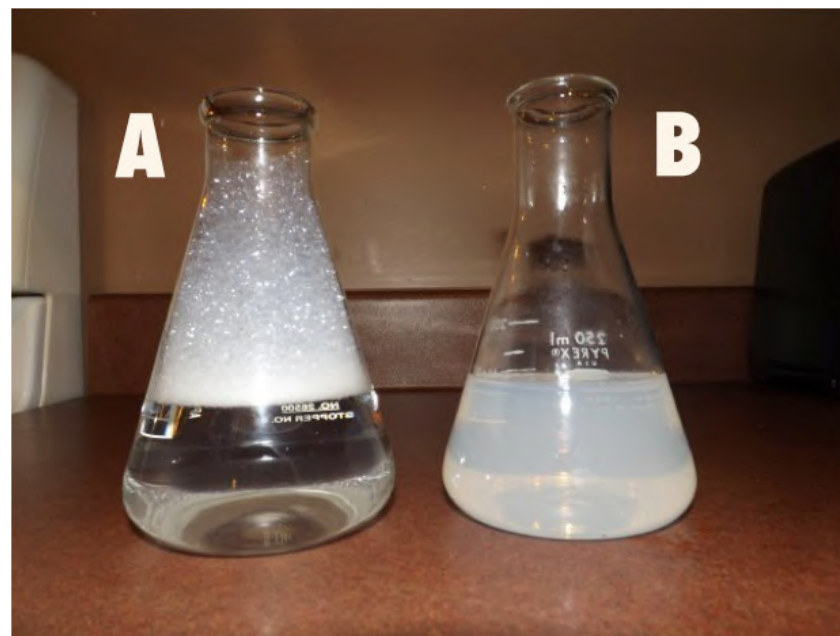
14. Force is measured using the unit

- (A) Ampere
- (B) Joules
- (C) Newton

Questions 15 and 16 refers to diagram and information below.

John pours the same volume of two different types of water into two beakers of the same size. He then added one tablespoon of liquid soap to the water in each beaker and shake the beakers in the same way for 30 seconds.

The results are shown below.



15. Which beaker contains rain water?

- (A) A
- (B) B
- (C) Neither

16. Beaker B contains

- (A) Soft water
- (B) Hard water
- (C) River water

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

17. A complete turn of an object on its axis is called a/an

- (A) Spin
- (B) Rotation
- (C) Orbit

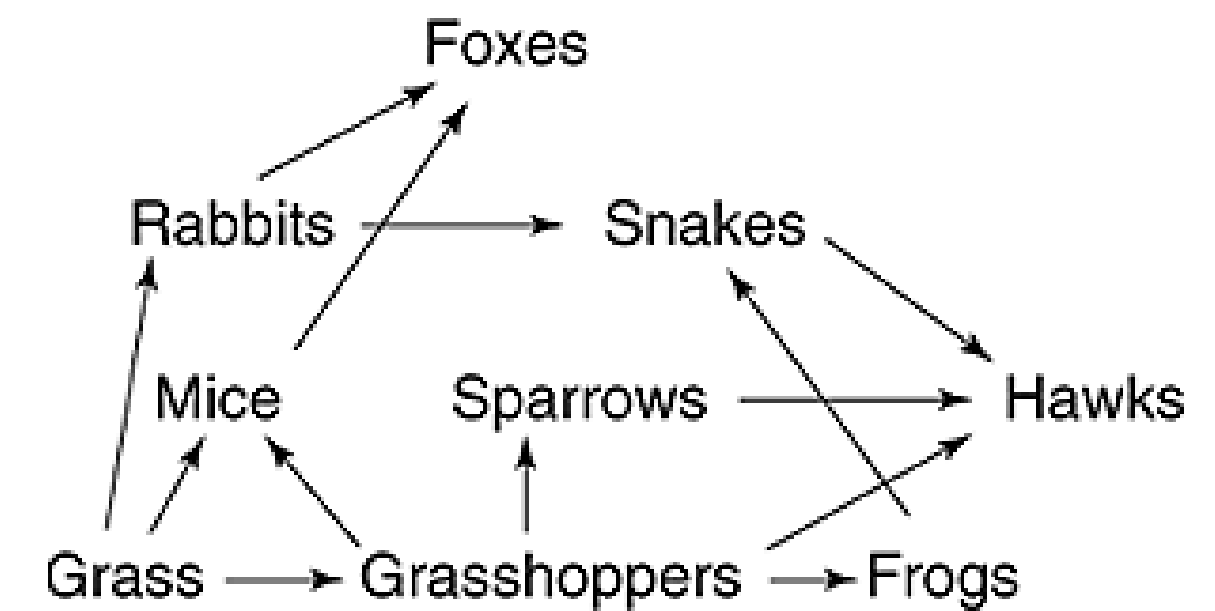
18. Our galaxy is called the

- (A) Milky Way
- (B) The Solar System
- (C) Constellation

19. How long does the earth take to revolve around the sun?

- (A) One day
- (B) One year
- (C) 356 days

Study the following Food Web and answer questions 20 to 23.



20. This food web is most likely can be found in

- (A) tree
- (B) Forest
- (C) Garden

21. If the rabbits die which animals will be affected

- (A) Snakes and foxes
- (B) Sparrows and snakes
- (C) Foxes and hawks

# CARIBBEAN PRIMARY EXIT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE TEST

22. Which is the producer in the food web
- (A) Grasshoppers
  - (B) Grass
  - (C) Frogs
23. Name an omnivore in the food web
- (A) Mice
  - (B) Grasshopper
  - (C) fox
24. One useful effect of a volcano to the environment eventually is
- (A) Homes of animals are destroyed
  - (B) Plants are destroyed
  - (C) Soil rich in nutrients will be created
25. Mangrove ecosystems are
- (A) Areas between the land and the sea
  - (B) Very hilly and stony
  - (C) The forest areas of the country

**END OF TEST**



## BUDGET ALERT 4.1: EXPLORING UNEMPLOYMENT IN GRENADA

**By Laurel Theresa Bain**

Economic policies are aimed at improving the welfare of the population. Among the social indicators, unemployment and poverty are commonly used to monitor the welfare of the population.

The Statistics Department has compiled the results of the labour-force survey as of the quarter ended 30th September 2023. Based on the labour-force survey, the unemployment rate was placed at 11.6 percent, representing a decline from the 12 percent rate of unemployment derived from the labour-force survey as of the end of June 2023. This represents a continuous decline in the rate of unemployment.

Economic growth, averaging 5.8 percent between 2021 and 2023 mainly on account of expansion in tourism and construction, would have contributed to the

declining trend in the rate of unemployment. The fall in the unemployment rate in 2023 (11.6 percent as of September and 12 percent as of June) was preceded by declines in the unemployment rate of 16.6 percent based on the labour-force survey as of June 2021, and an unemployment rate of 28.4 percent as of the labour-force survey of June 2020.

The trend in the overall unemployment rate is highlighted in Table 1.

An analysis of unemployment by age showed a notable decline in youth unemployment during the third quarter of 2023 which contributed to the overall decline in unemployment. Youth unemployment stood at 24.2 percent as of September 2023, compared with 36.2 percent as of June 2023. Over the years, youth unemployment has been chronically high. As of June 2021, the youth unemployment rate was

**Table 1: Overall Unemployment Rate**

	2019 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	2020 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	2021 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	2023 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	2023 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	15.1	18.5	16.6	12.0	11.6

Source: Stats: Mgov. gov. (2021). Retrieved December, 2021, from <https://www.gov.gd/stats>.

Grenada Labour-Force Survey, Department of Statistics, Grenada, November 2023.

Labour-force Survey, Department of Statistics, Grenada, February 2023.

**Table 2: Unemployment Rate by Age**

	2019 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	2020 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	2021 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	2023 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	2023 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
<b>15-24</b>	29.6	39.5	38.6	36.2	24.2
<b>25-64</b>	11.9	15.1	13.5	8.4	9.7

Source: Stats: Mgov. gov. (2021). Retrieved December, 2021, from <https://www.gov.gd/stats>.

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38.6 percent; and in 2019 and 2020, at the end of the fourth quarter, unemployment among youths stood at 29.6 percent and 39.5 percent respectively.

The rate of unemployment among

the youths is highlighted in Table 2.

The analysis of the overall unemployment rate by sex showed that the rate of unemployment for females, which was 14.6 percent at the end

of June, increased to 18.1 percent as at the end of September and represented a moderate decline from 19.5 percent in June 2021. Unemployment rates for females are higher than males and are above the

overall unemployment rate. As of September 2023, the unemployment rate for male was 6.0 percent, while female was 18.1 percent; in the context of the overall unemployment rate

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# GRENLEC EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION



Grenada Electricity Services (Grenlec) is pleased to announce that it is currently exploring opportunities that would boost utility-scale renewable energy penetration in Grenada. The immediate focus for Grenlec is on integrating renewable energy generation at sites in Point Salines, St. George's, Pearls, St. Andrew and Carriacou.

This thrust aligns with sustainable practices and environmental responsibility as well as national goals to

diversify the energy mix and increase renewable energy generation.

The first phase of this renewable energy initiative includes studies of a multi-site project at Point Salines with an Environmental Impact Assessment beginning soon.

As part of the preparation process for the renewable energy initiatives, Grenlec officials and consultants are actively engaging with various stakeholders and

communities to assess impact, raise awareness, and ensure an inclusive process.

Acknowledging the recent challenges faced by electricity customers on mainland Grenada due to power outages, the Company is actively engaging all stakeholders about the way forward.

Grenlec's focus on increasing renewable energy generation is part of a broader approach to enhance the resilience and capacity

of the power generation infrastructure. It also includes adopting solutions for strengthening the traditional fossil fuel generation capacity and exploring alternative fuels.

By combining renewable energy sources with conventional generation, Grenlec is not only embracing sustainability, but is also strengthening its systems to meet the evolving needs of our customers.

# BUDGET ALERT 4.1: EXPLORING UNEMPLOYMENT IN GRENADA

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of 11.6 percent. The unemployment rate among females has been consistently higher than males. The comparative unemployment rates for males and females are depicted in Table 3.

A cross tabulation of the unemployment rates by sex and age highlighted a higher youth unemployment (15 – 24years) in females, and a significant decline in the unemployment rate for males in this age group. Based on the labour-force survey of September 2023, the unemployment rate among youth was 12.6percent for males and 36.6 percent for females; representing a decline in the male unemployment rate,

and a widening of the divergence in the rate of unemployment between males and females in favour of males.

The development in September 2023 was a break in the disparity in the unemployment rate among males and females. As of June 2023, the rate of unemployment among young males was 37.8 percent and the rate for young females was 34.9 percent, and this close proximity was maintained in previous years. In 2020, the unemployment rate for males was 40.9 percent and females was 37.8 percent, and in the second quarter of 2021, female youth unemployment stood at 42 percent and males at 36.2 percent.

Table 3: Unemployment by Sex in Percentage

	2019 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	2020 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	2021 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	2023 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	2023 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
Male	12.5	15.9	14.2	9.6	6.0
Female	18.3	21.6	19.5	14.6	18.1

Source: Stats: Mgov. gov. (2021). Retrieved December, 2021, from <https://www.gov.gd/stats>  
Grenada Labour-Force Survey, Department of Statistics, Grenada, November 2023.  
Labour-force Survey, Department of Statistics, Grenada, February 2023.

The unemployment rate in the age group 25 – 65 of 9.7 percent was below the overall unemployment rate. Within that category, there was almost full employment for males (4.7 percent) while unemployment rate for females was higher at 15.3 percent. The rate of unemployment for the age group above sixty-five years of 9.3 percent

was below the overall rate, and the disparity between males (7.9) and females (12.8) was less pronounced. However, the number of people seeking employment was low and may reflect a lack of interest of this group in being employed.

Public policy would need to focus on the unemployed youth and

women. The policies should be targeted at the 15 – 24 age group where the unemployment rate is high, and a large portion of the working population has dropped out of the labour-force. Programmes for improving education standards and upgrading skills will need to be implemented, particularly as the unemployed are

dominated by those who have never worked and with education levels up to secondary school.

Knowledge is power and Experience is the greatest teacher.

*Disclaimer: This article is written in my personal capacity and not in my capacity as Chairwoman of the Fiscal Resilience Oversight Committee.*

# OECS ATHLETES COMPETE AT CARIFTA AQUATICS



OECS Media Release  
Courtesy Terry Finisterre

In the XXXVII CARIFTA Aquatics

Championships, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States enjoyed significant representation, with Martinique, Antigua

and Barbuda, Saint Lucia, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines all figuring in the medal count. Over four days of competition at the Betty Kelly-Kenning Aquatic Centre in Nassau, The Bahamas, some 500 athletes from 25 participating nations engaged in friendly rivalry. The host team emerged overall winners once again, with 101 total medals. Martinique (five gold, eight silver, eight bronze medals) was eighth.

Antigua and Barbuda (5, 6, 7) finished ninth and Saint Lucia (3, 1, 5) 10th. Grenada (0, 6, 7) captured 13th position, whilst Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (0, 0, 1) 16th.

Among individual swimmers, Antoine Destang of Saint Lucia was perhaps the most outstanding from the OECS. In his first year competing in the 15-17 boys category, the USA-based swimmer captured 53 points, winning gold medals

in the 100m and 200m butterfly, and placing him second in his division. Destang was the high point winner in the 13-14 boys in 2023.

Antigua and Barbuda's former Junior Sportswoman of the Year Ellie Shaw captured her second gold medal of the Championships on Tuesday, in the 15-17 girls 100m breaststroke, following on from her 200m breaststroke gold. She also got silver in the sprint version of that stroke.

With strength and perseverance, Sara Dowden of Grenada won a bronze medal in the Girl's 15- 17 400-metre race. In a post-interview, Sara said she swam the race for her father who passed away one day prior.

The OECS Commission congratulates all athletes for their remarkable performance. Sincere condolences are also extended to Sara Dowden and her family.

# OECS ATHLETES SHINE AT CARIFTA GAMES

The 11-member Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States garnered a total of 32 medals at the CARIFTA Games, held at the Kirani James Athletics Stadium in St George's, Grenada, over the Easter weekend, 30 March to 1 April. The region's junior athletes, aged 19 and under, collected four gold medals, 12 silver, and 16 bronze. Eight OECS countries got medals. As a collective, the OECS would have finished third in the medal standings, behind perennial powerhouses Jamaica and The Bahamas.



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Courtesy Terry Finisterre

Leading the way was the home territory, Grenada. As was the case when the Spice Isle last hosted this meet, in 2016, home cooking yielded 13 medals. This time around, though, there was just one gold medal, which went to Chrystophe Calliste in the Under-17 boys

triple jump, as his best effort of 14.67m earned him the top spot in that event. Crowd favourite Kemron Mathlyn got silver in the U17 boys 400m, as did D'Angelo Brown in the U20 800m, Timothy Greenidge in U20 boys high jump, Jamaica-based Jaylon Calder (U20 shot put), Rayvohn Telesford (U20 javelin throw), and the quartet of Elisha Williams, Joshiem



Sylvester, Cheffonia Houston, and Kemisha Dominique in the mixed 4x400m relay. Sylvester earned bronze in the U20 boys 400m, as did Deandre Bristol in U20 boys shot put, Alliah Gittens in U20 girls javelin throw, Annalisa Brown in U17 girls 800m, Delron John in U17 boys javelin throw, the foursome of Mathlyn, Kimol Murray, Jayden Knight,

and Adriekl Mitchell in U17 boys 4x400m, and the combination of Shaquane Toussaint, Emilio Bishop, Taiguel Peterkin, and Samuel Green in the U20 boys 4x100m.

There were 10 championship records at the Games. Three of those involved OECS athletes. In the U17 javelin throw, Antigua and Barbuda's Maliek



Francis led an OECS medal sweep with a 68.84m mark, ahead of Jaheem Clarke, representing Saint Kitts and Nevis, and John of Grenada. Jackie Hyman of Guadeloupe improved on her bronze medals from 2022 and 2023, her 55.06m performance in U20 girls discus throw earning her the gold medal. And Saint Lucia's Naya Jules got gold

in the U20 girls pole vault for the second year in a row, her 2.90m clearance giving her a share of gold, with countrywoman Alexandra Johnson getting the bronze.

Also on the medals table were Martinique (two silver, two bronze), the British Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of Dominica (one bronze medal each).

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## A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

You and your family need to be prepared should a hurricane strike. All family members must become aware of the Family's Disaster Plan. For Hurricanes, plan for the following:

To take precautionary measures as aired on radio and published in this magazine & elsewhere. To identify official shelter(s) that your family might use if and when your family must be evacuated. These could be the home of a family member or friend. For First Aid Service. For non-perishable foods such as canned foods. Special medicines and sight glasses. For sanitation and sanitation supplies. For water supply, storage and availability. To control children and pets during and after a hurricane from exposing themselves to injuries and/or water borne diseases.

### FOR FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS, YOUR FAMILY SHOULD PLAN:

A way to safely get out of every room in your house. To call the Fire Department. To do First Aid on injured persons. Where to meet outside



of your house. Where the water hose and fire extinguisher will be stored. How to quickly attempt to put out the fire. Of course your family should also plan how to prevent fires.

### FOR FLOODS MAKE A PLAN FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Evacuation of your family, if needed, First Aid and CPR service. Shelter, if needed. Preventing the building from becoming flooded. Damages to contents of the house. Injuries to your family. Prevention of waterborne and/or food-borne diseases. Only non-perishable food should be eaten



### WATER

One gallon per person per day should always be available. For Hurricane preparedness, 72 hours supply should be on hand. To purify water boil it for 10 minutes.

### FOOD

and boiled water used. Proper storage and disposal of all body waste (urine and stool).

### FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

Family Disaster Plan should include details on the following elements for survival: Water, Food, First Aid, Clothing and Bedding, Tools and Supplies and Special Items.

### FIRST AID

First Aid kits should be

on hand with a member of the family available of performing first aid.

### CLOTHING AND BEDDING

Complete change of sleeping and dry clothing will be needed. For hurricane preparedness a supply of 72 hours should be provided. At least one blanket and one sleeping bag will also be needed for each person in hurricane shelters.

### TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

Tools Needed could include: Brooms, Mops, Wrenches, Screw Drivers, Pliers and Hammers. Supplies could include: Plastic Tape, Plastic Bags, Large Fresh Bins, Soap, Infant Supplies, Bleach (for sewage treatment), Matches, Paper Plates, Plastic Spoons, Knives, Forks and Flares.

### SPECIAL ITEMS

Manually operated can opener, Portable batter operated radio, sight glasses and critical medicine. Fire extinguisher with dry chemical, Flash Light with spare battery and bulb and Battery or spring operated clock or watch.

# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW TO KEEP BEING SAFE



1. Your full name, address and phone number.
2. Where to find emergency phone numbers.
3. How to answer the phone properly.
4. Directions to home from various locations within your neighbourhood.
5. Your parents' full names, places of employment and contact numbers.
6. Full names of close relatives and how to contact them.
7. You should know that there are touches that feel good and comfortable, such as hugs and kisses from your parents and guardians; but there are touches that feel uncomfortable or bad.  
  
There are parts of your body that are private (vagina, penis, breasts and buttocks) and no one has the right to touch you there. You have the right to say "NO" to any person who wants to touch you in those areas inappropriately.
8. You should tell your parents or guardians about any attempts by adults or teenagers to touch you in a private way.

But if parents or guardians are the offenders, tell a trusted teacher or pastor instead, or even report the matter to the police.

## Emergency Numbers

<b>Police Headquarters, Fort George</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Fire Rapid Response</b>	<b>440 3999</b>
<b>Coast Guard</b>	<b>911 or 440 2112</b>
<b>Child Abuse Protection Birchgrove</b>	<b>439 1231</b>
<b>Carriacou &amp; Petite Martinique Central</b>	<b>399 or 444 1931</b>
<b>Gouyave</b>	<b>677</b>
<b>Grand Roy</b>	<b>442 7542</b>
<b>Grenville</b>	<b>443 7482</b>
<b>Hermitage</b>	<b>440 2244</b>
<b>Sauteurs</b>	<b>444 8224</b>
<b>St. David</b>	<b>444 8225</b>
<b>St. Paul's Union</b>	<b>442 7224</b>
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>442 9445</b>
<b>SSU Point Salines</b>	<b>442 9224</b>
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<b>Princess Royal</b>	<b>442 9225</b>
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<b>Ambulance</b>	
<b>General Hospital</b>	<b>444 4999</b>
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# VOLCANOES

Volcanoes are known as sleeping dragons that wake up silently one day and destroy everything in their paths. Volcanoes can be found on every planet and can be active, dormant or extinct over time.

A volcano is an opening or vent in the earth's crust through which lava, ash, and gases erupt. They are formed along the cracks or weakness along the Earth's crust as a result of the movement of the Earth's plate. When the plates move, molten rocks called magma escapes through the cracks. and are an important landform that helps create land. When the magma exits the volcano, it is called lava. Over time, as the lava cools and creates a mountain crater. During a volcanic eruption, lava, ash and rocks are violently pushed out ravishing everything in its way.

Volcanoes are grouped on how often they erupt. First, they can be called active if they erupt in recent times like the La Soufriere Volcano in St. Vincent which erupted in December 2020. Next, they can be called

dormant if they have not erupted in long period of time but are expected to erupt again in the future. In the Caribbean, an example of a dormant volcano is the Mount Liamuiga in St. Kitts, which has not erupted in over one thousand years. Last, they can be called extinct if they no longer have a magma a source of magma to erupt. Ben Nevis in the United Kingdom is a famous example of an extinct volcano.

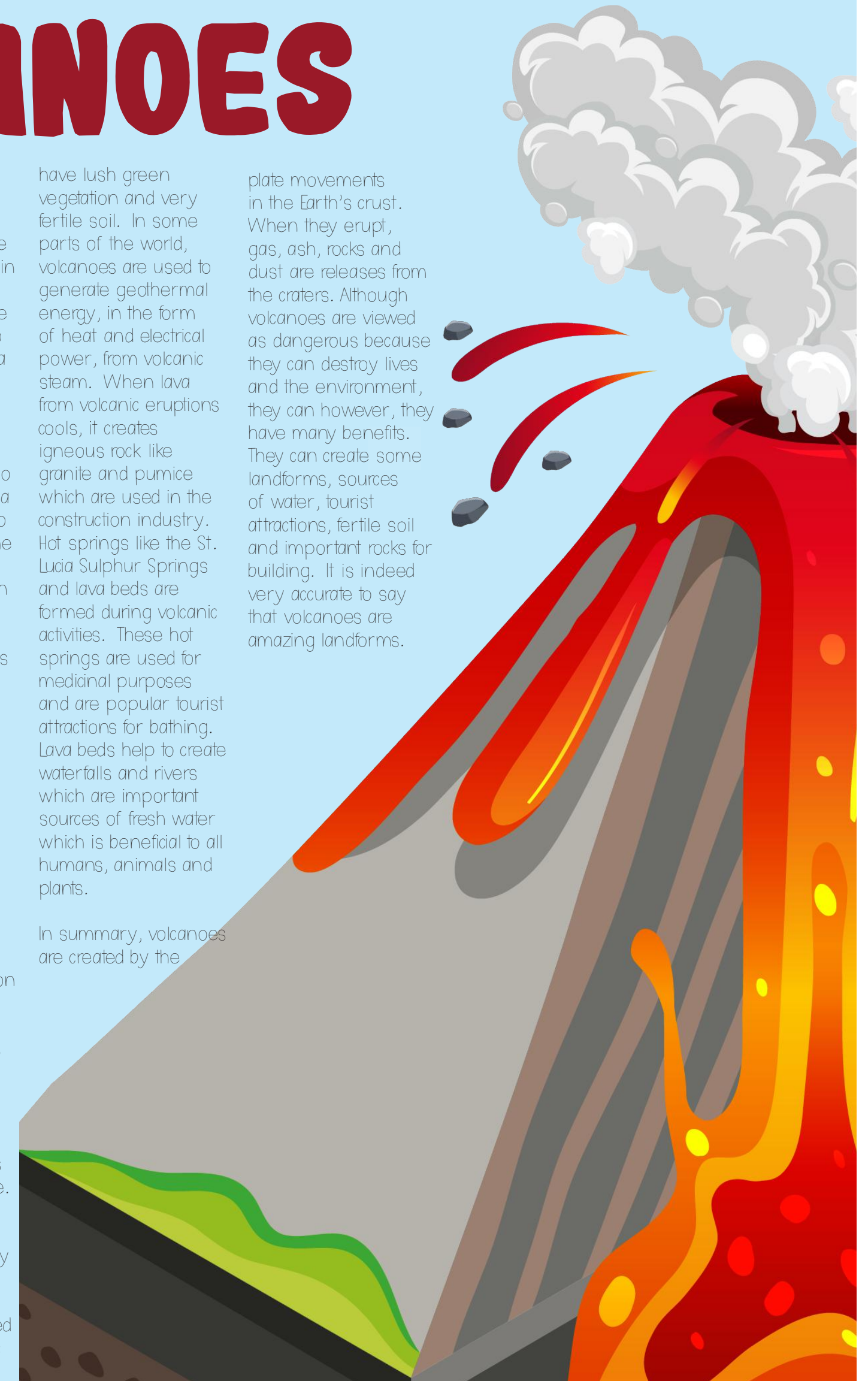
In one way, volcanoes can have a negative or impact on the environment and on humans. The greatest threats to life and the environment are volcanic eruptions in populated areas. When there are volcanic eruptions in these areas, the lava flow and ash destroy buildings, roads, crops, vegetation and sometimes lives. The gas and ashy dust travel thousands of miles into the air causing dangerous air pollution. Some scientists have noted that such occurrences lead to climate change.

On the other hand, volcanoes can be very beneficial. Many islands of the Caribbean were created as a result of volcanic activity. These islands

have lush green vegetation and very fertile soil. In some parts of the world, volcanoes are used to generate geothermal energy, in the form of heat and electrical power, from volcanic steam. When lava from volcanic eruptions cools, it creates igneous rock like granite and pumice which are used in the construction industry. Hot springs like the St. Lucia Sulphur Springs and lava beds are formed during volcanic activities. These hot springs are used for medicinal purposes and are popular tourist attractions for bathing. Lava beds help to create waterfalls and rivers which are important sources of fresh water which is beneficial to all humans, animals and plants.

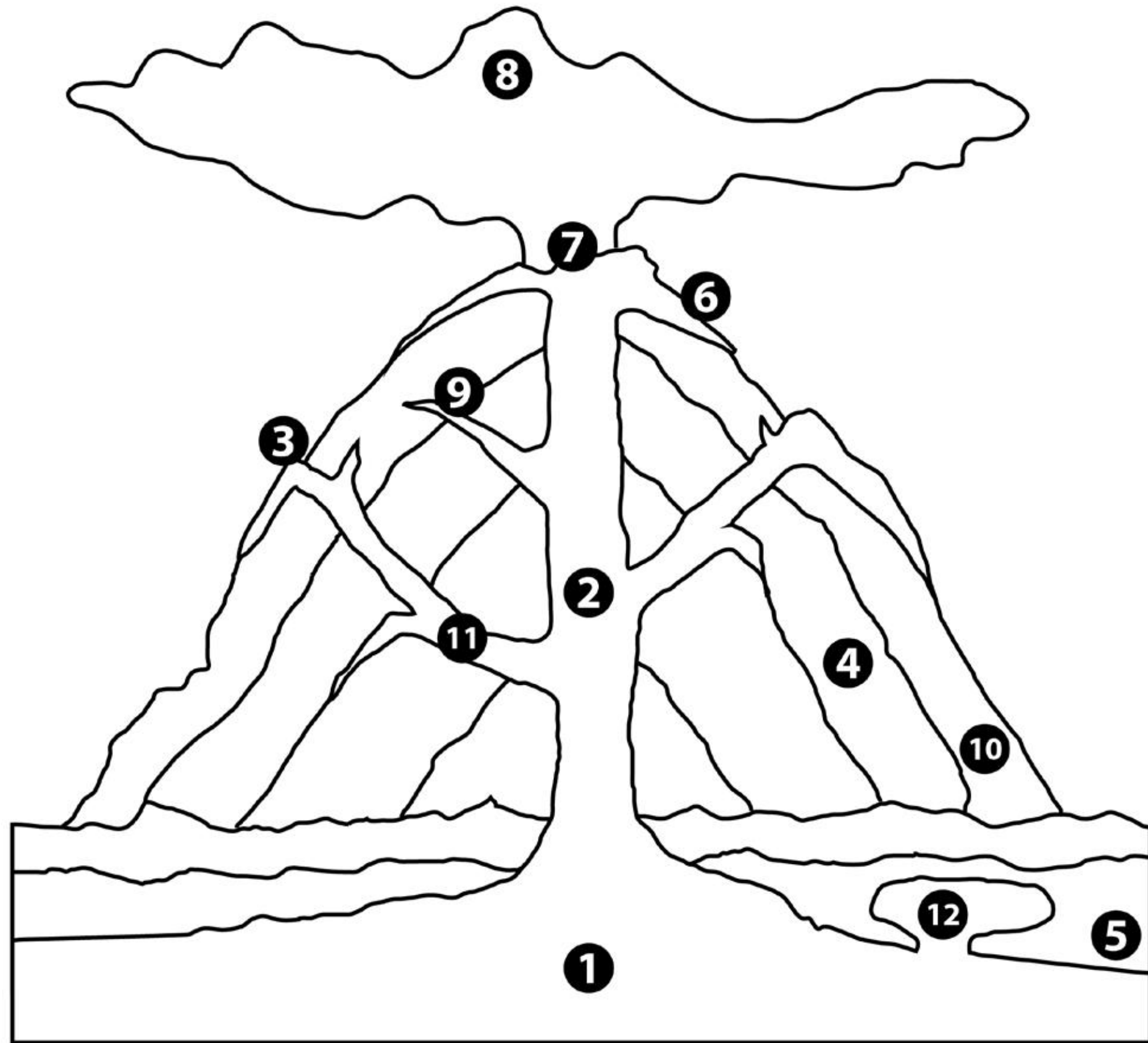
In summary, volcanoes are created by the

plate movements in the Earth's crust. When they erupt, gas, ash, rocks and dust are released from the craters. Although volcanoes are viewed as dangerous because they can destroy lives and the environment, they can however, they have many benefits. They can create some landforms, sources of water, tourist attractions, fertile soil and important rocks for building. It is indeed very accurate to say that volcanoes are amazing landforms.



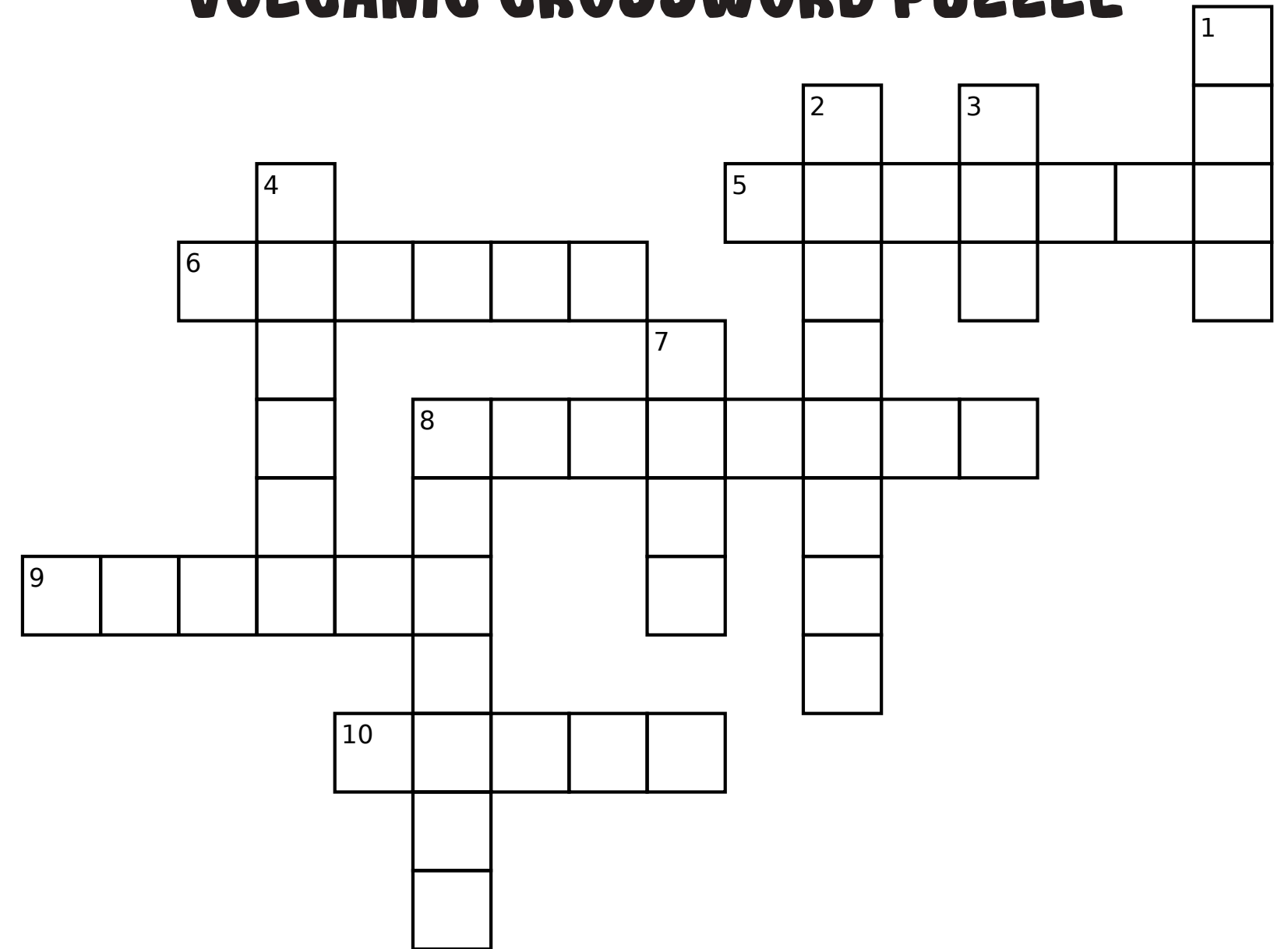
# VOLCANOES

➔ Identify the different parts of the volcano by writing the right number in the circles. You can also color each part of the volcano:



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| <input type="radio"/> Magma          | <input type="radio"/> Branch pipe    | <input type="radio"/> Crater    | <input type="radio"/> Ash cloud |
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## VOLCANIC CROSSWORD PUZZLE



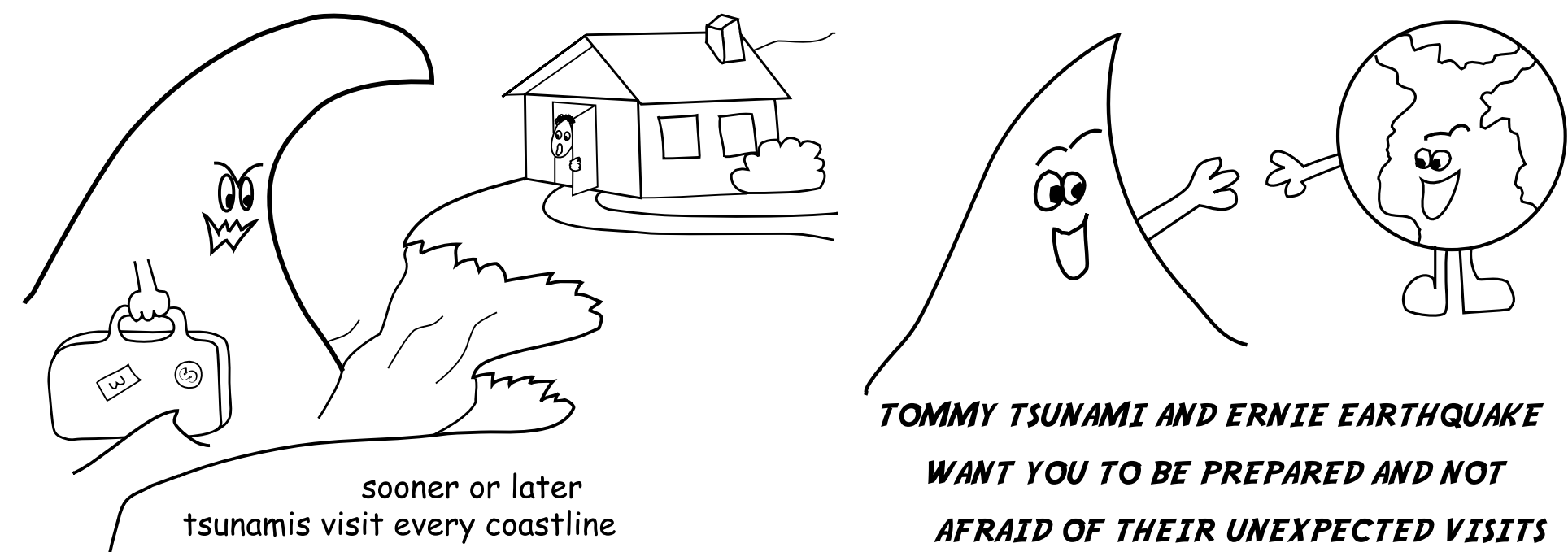
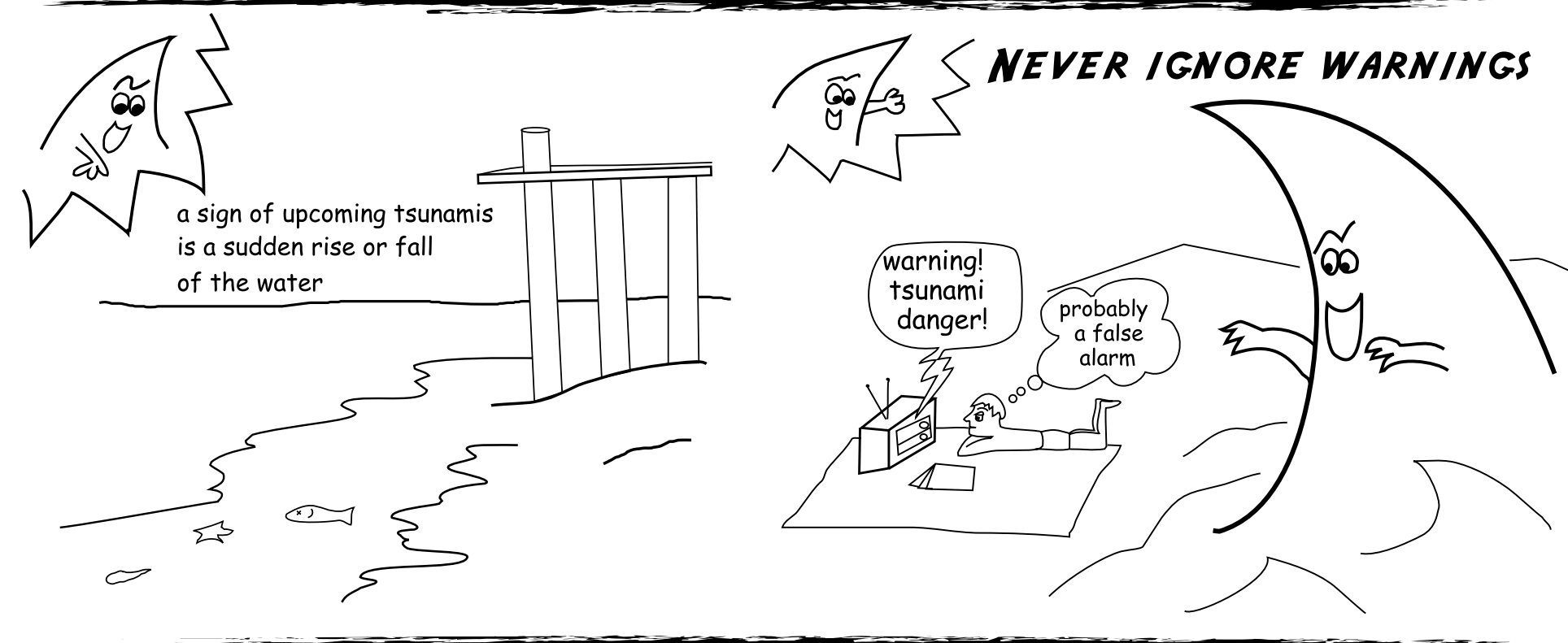
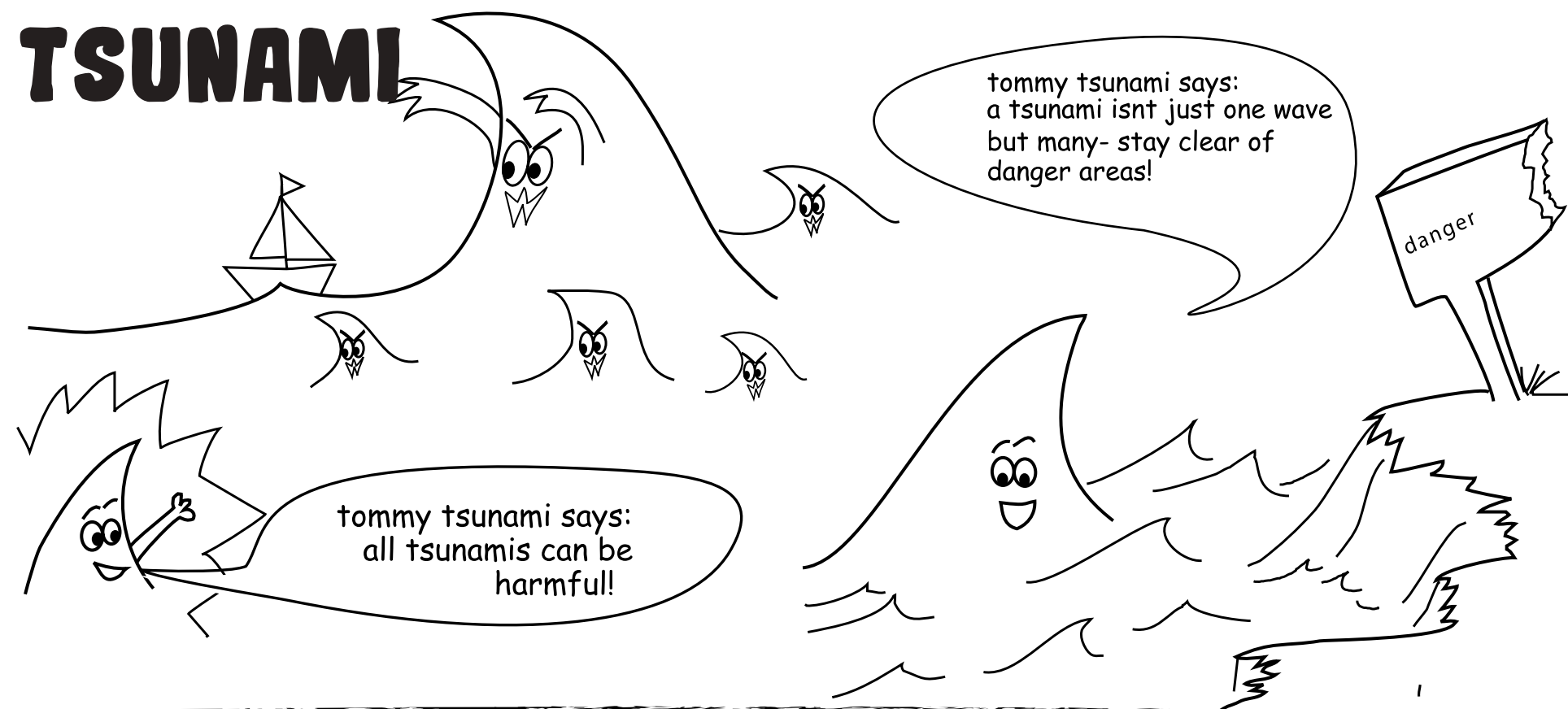
ACROSS:

- An opening in the earth's surface through which volcanic materials such as lava, gas, and ash are ejected.
- A sudden and violent release of volcanic material, including lava, ash, and gas, from a volcano.
- Fine particles of rock and other materials that are ejected into the atmosphere during a volcanic eruption.
- The highest point of a mountain or volcano.
- Molten rock that flows from a volcano during an eruption.
- A volcano that is currently not erupting but may become active in the future.

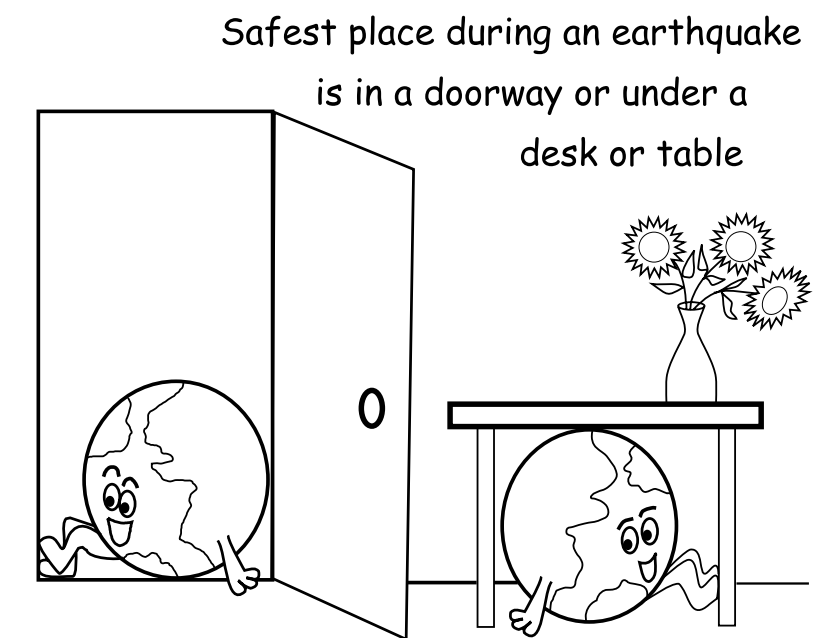
DOWN:

- The gradual wearing away of rock or soil by the action of wind, water, or other natural forces.
- A type of volcanic rock that is light and porous, formed by the rapid cooling and solidification of lava.
- A sudden calamity, especially one causing widespread damage or suffering.
- A large, bowl-shaped depression at the top of a volcano, usually formed by an explosive eruption that removed material from the volcano's peak.
- Molten rock located beneath the Earth's surface, which can rise on the surface during a volcanic eruption.

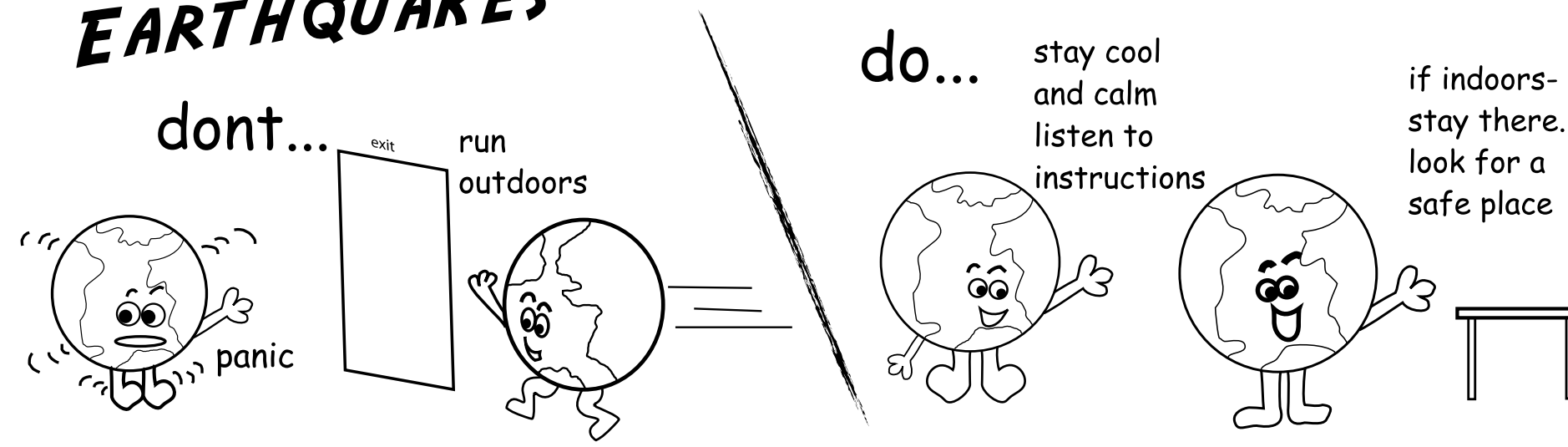
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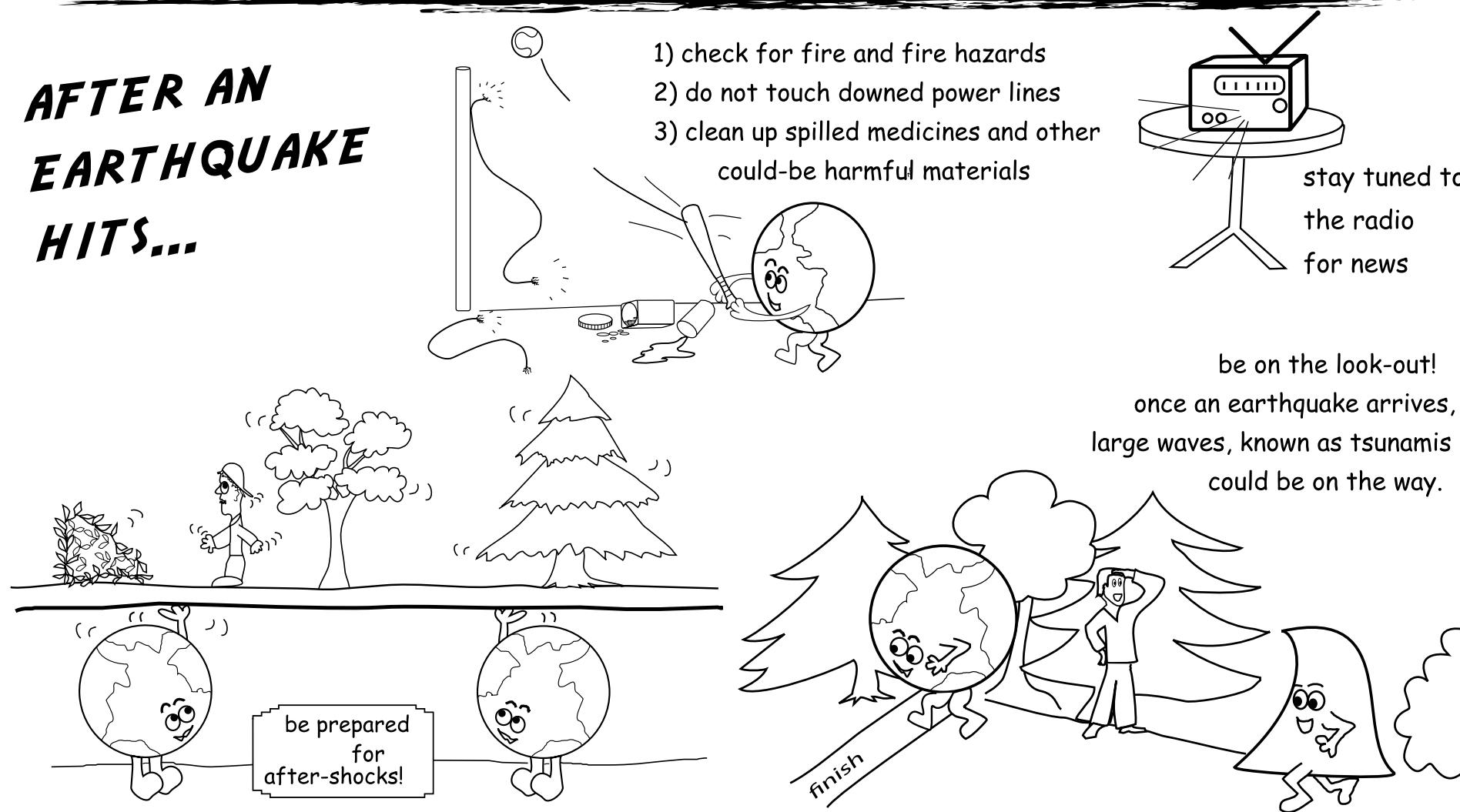
# EARTHQUAKES



## DURING EARTHQUAKES



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