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EXAMINATION

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE I  
(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Duration: 3 Hours

Year: 2025

Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A and B with a total of **eight (8)** questions.
2. Answer **all** questions in section A and choose **three (3)** questions in section B of which question **five (5)** and **six (6)** are compulsory.
3. Each question in section A carries **ten (10)** marks and **twenty (20)** marks in section B.
4. All writing must be in **black** or **blue** ink.
5. Communication devices and any unauthorised material are **not** allowed in the examination room.
6. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).



## SECTION A (40 Marks)

Answer **all** questions from this section.

1. Using relevant examples, explain how each of the following characteristic features of language differentiates human language from animal communication:  
(a) Learnability (c) Displacement (e) Duality of patterning  
(b) Productivity (d) Interchangeability
2. (a) How is the morpheme “-s” used in English Language? Explain five grammatical functions of the morpheme with relevant examples.  
(b) Write the meaning of the following English prefixes and compose a meaningful sentence for each:  
For example: dis-  
Meaning: Not, the opposite or reverse of, apart or separated  
Sentence: I dislike living in town.  
(i) Mis- (ii) Anti- (iii) Semi-  
(iv) Super- (v) Pseudo-
3. (a) Write the following transcribed words into ordinary orthography:  
(i) /nju:məʊniə/  
(ii) /kræmps/  
(iii) /kwɒʃi:əko:/  
(iv) /tɒnsələti:z/  
(v) /tu:θeɪk/  
(b) Write the syllabic structure of each of the following words:  
For example: Desk = CVCC  
(i) Strings (ii) Blooms (iii) Streams  
(iv) Twelfth (v) Judge
4. Using relevant examples, briefly describe the challenges a translator faces in translating the following language elements and suggest ways of dealing with those challenges:  
(a) Idioms (b) Proverbs (c) Proper names  
(d) Technical terms (e) Inventions and discoveries

### SECTION B (60 Marks)

Answer **three (3)** questions from this section. Question **five (5)** and **six (6)** are compulsory.

5. With relevant examples, describe eight factors that have facilitated the development of Kiswahili as a lingua-franca in Tanzania.
6. Suppose you are a member of a youth group campaigning against adolescent pregnancy. Write an expository essay titled, "Effects of Early Pregnancy." Give eight points.
7. Using appropriate examples, elaborate eight factors that can affect students' ability to listen effectively to public announcements.
8. Distinguish extensive reading from intensive reading, giving four points.