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022

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time : 3 Hours

ANSWERS

Year : 1995

Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A, B and C.
2. Answer all questions in section A and B and **three (3)** questions from section C.
3. Non-programmable calculators may be used.
4. Communication devices and any unauthorised materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.
5. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).

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1. (a) (i) The author of this passage says information would not be required when

- (a) we think hard over a subject
- (b) that information is perfect
- (c) that information is not perfect
- (d) we think without prior knowledge

Correct answer: (d) we think without prior knowledge

(ii) The author argues that in order to provide correct information

- (a) thinking and being informed are necessary
- (b) It is most important to be informed in a subject
- (c) we should think hard to assimilate knowledge
- (d) we should be capable of guessing things

Correct answer: (a) thinking and being informed are necessary

(iii) In the second paragraph, a closed subject area means

- (a) an outdated subject
- (b) the most important subject
- (c) secure subjects
- (d) a full information subject

Correct answer: (c) secure subjects

(iv) Specialists in academic subjects have less ability outside their area of speciality because

- (a) they are less informed in their subject areas
- (b) their knowledge depends on such information in their subject area
- (c) the knowledge they have is just too much
- (d) other people cannot easily understand them

Correct answer: (b) their knowledge depends on such information in their subject area

(v) Good thinking is always necessary before we reach any decision on a matter because

- (a) people usually admire information
- (b) information on a matter is always inadequate
- (c) it is a normal human practice
- (d) thinking enables us to wait for adequate information

Correct answer: (b) information on a matter is always inadequate

(vi) The author says statistics have almost wrecked science for the reason that

- (a) statistics gives ready-made answers to puzzling questions
- (b) statistics can generate endless information
- (c) people are enabled to generate so many ideas by statistics
- (d) some people think statistics gives every information they require

Correct answer: (d) some people think statistics gives every information they require

2. (a) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given

(i) She reads fast. She can finish two books in a day.

Join using: so that

Correct answer: She reads so fast that she can finish two books in a day.

(ii) You have not seen him playing football. You say he is a bad player.

Join using: Had you seen

Correct answer: Had you seen him playing football, you would not say he is a bad player.

(iii) I do my homework when everybody is asleep.

Change into reported speech

Correct answer: He said that he did his homework when everybody was asleep.

(iv) He is sick. He is attending the meeting.

Join using: despite

Correct answer: He is attending the meeting despite being sick.

(b) In the following passage fill in the gaps by writing the correct forms of the verbs (i) – (viii)

Yesterday we (i) **spent** the whole day in the garden. We have (ii) **grown** a variety of vegetables there. We (iii) **were** so busy that when the bell (iv) **rang** we never (v) **heard** it. When it was (vi) **getting** night, we all (vii) **felt** so tired that we had to (viii) **go** back to our dormitories.

(c) Correct the following sentences where necessary

(i) My brother he is a very good artist.

Correct answer: My brother is a very good artist.

(ii) One must work hard if he wants to be successful in life.

Correct answer: One must work hard if one wants to be successful in life.

(iii) We have been in this school since four years.

Correct answer: We have been in this school for four years.

(iv) The informations reached us early this morning.

Correct answer: The information reached us early this morning.

(d) Choose the best words which complete the following sentences

(i) While we were ____ the party the lights went off.

(a) on (b) in (c) by (d) at

Correct answer: (b) in

(ii) I normally go to school ____ bus.

(a) by (b) on (c) with (d) in

Correct answer: (a) by

(iii) Come ____ 9.30 tomorrow.

(a) on (b) at (c) in (d) to

Correct answer: (b) at

(e) Match the items in Column A with the relevant ones in Column B to produce complete and meaningful sentences

Column A

- (i) Even though my English is poor
- (ii) You must hurry up
- (iii) We decided to close up the shop
- (iv) In spite of their poverty

Column B

- (a) I did not understand you.
- (b) They lived happily.
- (c) Let us go back home.
- (d) A stranger can understand what I am saying.
- (e) How do you do!
- (f) Because it will soon be raining.
- (g) As customers were becoming fewer and fewer.
- (h) He did not do well in my terminal tests.

Correct answers:

- (i) Even though my English is poor → (d) A stranger can understand what I am saying.
- (ii) You must hurry up → (f) Because it will soon be raining.
- (iii) We decided to close up the shop → (g) As customers were becoming fewer and fewer.
- (iv) In spite of their poverty → (b) They lived happily.

3. Write an essay on "African boundaries are not necessary" (about 350 words).

African boundaries are not necessary because they were artificially created during the colonial period without considering the interests of the African people. These boundaries divided communities, clans, and ethnic groups that shared a common history, language, and culture. Instead of promoting unity, they created unnecessary divisions that continue to cause conflicts up to today.

Another reason boundaries are not necessary is that they hinder the free movement of people, goods, and services across the continent. If boundaries were not rigid, Africans could trade more easily with each other, boosting economic growth and reducing dependency on foreign markets. Free interaction would also enhance cultural exchange and strengthen the spirit of Pan-Africanism.

Boundaries also fuel political and tribal rivalries. Many civil wars in Africa have been linked to disputes over borders or the resources found in border regions. Without boundaries, Africans would focus more on cooperation and collective development rather than fighting over territories.

Furthermore, removing boundaries would allow Africans to unite under one continental government or stronger regional blocs. This would make Africa more powerful globally, able to negotiate trade and political issues from a position of strength. It would also help in solving common challenges such as poverty, diseases, and climate change.

In conclusion, African boundaries are unnecessary because they divide people who should be united. By removing these artificial lines, Africa would achieve peace, unity, and sustainable development. True independence can only be realized if Africans see themselves as one people rather than citizens of divided territories.

4. Write an essay on "What I intend to do in my life". (about 350 words).

In my life, I intend to pursue a career that will enable me to serve both my community and my country. I believe that life becomes meaningful when one uses his or her talents and skills to solve problems faced by society. My main ambition is to become an engineer because I have always been interested in designing and building things that can improve human life.

Education will play a central role in my plans. I intend to work hard in my studies so that I can acquire the knowledge and qualifications required to achieve my dream. I will also make use of every opportunity to learn practical skills, since theory alone is not enough in today's competitive world.

Another important goal in my life is to uplift my family and community. Many people still live in poverty and lack basic services such as clean water, electricity, and good roads. By becoming an engineer, I will contribute towards solving these challenges. I intend to use my knowledge to support development projects that can transform people's lives.

Apart from my career, I also intend to live a responsible and disciplined life. I will avoid bad habits that can destroy my future and instead focus on building good character. I also plan to participate actively in social and religious activities so that I can grow morally and spiritually.

In conclusion, what I intend to do in my life is to become an engineer, work hard to support my community, and live a meaningful and disciplined life. By following this path, I believe I will achieve happiness and success, while at the same time leaving a positive impact on the society.

5. The General Manager of Small Scale Industries Development Organisation (SIDO), P.O. Box 2476, Dar es Salaam, advertised training opportunities (Daily News of 24th June, 1995) for form four leavers. Courses: Carpentry, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Textile Engineering. Apply for a course. Sign your name as Masonga Magesa.

Masonga magesa

P.O. Box 555

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25th August, 1995

The General Manager
Small Scale Industries Development Organisation
P.O. Box 2476
Dar es Salaam

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: APPLICATION FOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITY IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

I am writing to apply for the training opportunity in Mechanical Engineering as advertised in the Daily News of 24th June, 1995. I have completed my form four studies and I am eager to gain practical skills that will enable me to contribute to the development of small-scale industries in Tanzania.

I am particularly interested in Mechanical Engineering because it is a field that combines both creativity and technical knowledge. My performance in mathematics and science subjects has been good, and I am confident that I have the necessary background to pursue this course. I believe that by joining your programme, I will acquire the skills needed to solve industrial problems and improve production in the local sector.

I am a hardworking, disciplined, and committed individual who is ready to dedicate himself fully to this training. I hope that you will consider my application positively and grant me the opportunity to be among the trainees.

Yours faithfully,
Masonga Magesa

6. Imagine you were a Village Executive Officer. Your people do not know the importance of environment protection. They cut trees randomly, burn forests and such other activities. Prepare a speech to educate them on the matter (about 350 words).

Dear Villagers,

I stand before you today to talk about a very important matter that concerns all of us: the protection of our environment. As you know, our land, forests, and rivers are the sources of our livelihood. Without them, we cannot farm, we cannot get clean water, and we cannot survive. Unfortunately, many of us have been destroying the environment through careless activities such as cutting trees randomly, burning forests, and farming without proper care.

Cutting down trees without replanting them is dangerous because it leads to deforestation. Without trees, the soil is easily washed away by rain, causing soil erosion. This reduces the fertility of our land, and as a result, we get poor harvests. In addition, trees help to bring rainfall and maintain the balance of nature. If we continue cutting them, we will face long periods of drought.

Burning forests is another harmful activity. Fire destroys not only trees but also animals, birds, and other living organisms that are part of the ecosystem. Once destroyed, it takes many years for forests to grow back, yet we depend on them for firewood, medicine, and timber.

Therefore, I urge all of you to change your habits. Instead of cutting trees randomly, plant more trees in your farms and around your homes. Use alternative sources of energy such as biogas and improved cooking stoves to reduce the demand for firewood. Avoid setting fire in the forests carelessly, and work together as a community to protect our natural resources.

Protecting the environment is not just for us today but also for the future generations. If we take care of it, our children and grandchildren will live in a land that is rich and fertile. But if we destroy it, we will leave them with poverty and suffering.

Let us therefore join hands in protecting our environment. Together, we can make our village green, fertile, and prosperous.

Thank you.