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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time : 3 Hours

ANSWERS

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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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(i) “An idle mind is the devil’s workshop” means

- A. satan is cleverer than our hands
- B. satan is an employer to people
- C. people who are jobless are welcome for work
- D. people with nothing to do can be directed to do evil things by satan
- E. satan finds work to obedient hands to do

Correct answer: D. people with nothing to do can be directed to do evil things by satan

Reason: The proverb means that when people are idle, they are more likely to engage in wrong or harmful actions.

(ii) Paragraph one suggests that

- A. self employment and good use of time makes one active
- B. much activity leads to boredom and unlawful spending of time
- C. everyone should avoid falling into bad things
- D. unlawful ways of spending free time encourage pleasure
- E. there is no work without satan’s temptations

Correct answer: A. self employment and good use of time makes one active

Reason: The first paragraph stresses that using free time wisely prevents boredom and bad habits.

(iii) A hobby can be

- A. anything that is done physically by an individual
- B. either physical or mental activity that entertains at extra time
- C. anything that is done inside normal routine at school or workplace to entertain
- D. games or athletics within the school routine
- E. anything that is done in the same way as different much work

Correct answer: B. either physical or mental activity that entertains at extra time

Reason: The passage defines a hobby as a physical, mental, or entertainment activity done outside normal routine.

(iv) Stamp collection results into

- A. an expensive hobby which is useless
- B. correspondence in pictures and designs

- C. acquisition of educational knowledge
- D. cheap collection from stamp dealers who are overseas
- E. boredom of geographical and historical information

Correct answer: C. acquisition of educational knowledge

Reason: The passage states stamp collecting provides geographical and historical knowledge.

(v) An album as used in the passage means

- A. an interesting short playing record
- B. a book written about stamp collection
- C. an order of countries collecting stamps
- D. a book with little writing for collecting stamps
- E. a book with pictures drawn in it

Correct answer: D. a book with little writing for collecting stamps

Reason: Stamp collectors use an album as a book to keep and arrange their stamps.

(vi) A stamp collector has an advantage in that

- A. he can reuse the stamps collected in the album
- B. he keeps stamps of flowers or animals only
- C. the more he keeps them the more valuable they become
- D. he arranges stamps from one country only
- E. stamp dealers know each other

Correct answer: C. the more he keeps them the more valuable they become

Reason: The passage explains that stamps gain value the longer they are preserved.

(vii) "Depicting" as used in the third paragraph means

- A. showing
- B. represent
- C. explain
- D. drawing
- E. collecting

Correct answer: A. showing

Reason: “Depicting” means showing or illustrating something.

(viii) The introduction of machines and other gadgets has changed people to

- A. have more time to rest than working
- B. become important in the society
- C. learn more modern things
- D. use spare time more constructively
- E. earn more money than before

Correct answer: A. have more time to rest than working

Reason: Machines reduce workload, giving people more leisure time.

(ix) The last paragraph suggests that

- A. it is important in the future to use spare time
- B. one can earn more money than before
- C. machines and labour gadgets are important
- D. future is an important element of time
- E. an alternative to leisure time is the hobby

Correct answer: A. it is important in the future to use spare time

Reason: The final paragraph emphasizes that with more free time, people must learn to use it wisely.

(x) The best title for the passage is

- A. the leisure time
- B. an old saying
- C. the importance of a hobby
- D. satan finds work
- E. stamp collecting

Correct answer: C. the importance of a hobby

Reason: The passage focuses on explaining what a hobby is, its values, and why it is important.

7. Complete each of the following sentences with a suitable word or expression.

(i) Juma and Mary used to be good friends, but now they have -----

- A. fallen off
- B. turned off
- C. given in
- D. fallen out
- E. put out

Correct answer: D. fallen out

Reason: "Fallen out" means to quarrel or stop being friends.

(ii) When the light went off, I ----- my supper.

- A. have eaten
- B. have been eating
- C. was eating
- D. had ate
- E. am eating

Correct answer: C. was eating

Reason: Past continuous tense shows an action that was happening when another occurred.

(iii) There was not ----- traffic on that road last night.

- A. much
- B. many
- C. lot of
- D. a few
- E. a little

Correct answer: A. much

Reason: "Traffic" is uncountable, so "much traffic" is correct.

(iv) If the boat had been maintained properly, it ----- capsized.

- A. will not have
- B. would not have

- C. will not
- D. would not
- E. might not

Correct answer: B. would not have

Reason: This is a third conditional sentence about a past unreal situation.

8. Complete the following sentences by supplying the missing prepositions.

- (a) He was generally known **by** the name “Mwalimu”.
- (b) The thief was led away **under** heavy guard.
- (c) **Above** all, remember to write your index number.
- (d) The nurse carefully spread the cloth **over** the table.

9. Choose the word which is closest in meaning to the underlined one.

- (i) They asked the secretary to **summon** a meeting of the Sports Council.

- A. Lead
- B. Control
- C. Call
- D. Postpone
- E. All end

Correct answer: C. Call

Reason: “Summon” means to call for or request attendance.

- (ii) The attitude of the gate keeper was very **hostile**.

- A. Strange
- B. Unfriendly
- C. Patient
- D. Abusive
- E. Welcoming

Correct answer: B. Unfriendly

Reason: “Hostile” means unfriendly or aggressive.

(iii) It seems that we will have to **differ** on the amount of money to be spent for the graduation ceremony.

- A. Disagree
- B. Quarrel
- C. Speak
- D. Think
- E. Forget

Correct answer: A. Disagree

Reason: "Differ on" means to disagree.

(iv) A more **durable** paint was used for outside walls.

- A. Attractive
- B. Decorative
- C. Expensive
- D. Shiny
- E. Lasting

Correct answer: E. Lasting

Reason: "Durable" means long-lasting.

10. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given.

(i) Had you been careful, you would have come first in the examination.

(Begin: If ----)

If you had been careful, you would have come first in the examination.

(ii) Dotto was nervous. Kurwa was equally nervous.

(Combine into one sentence using "as")

Dotto was as nervous as Kurwa.

(iii) Lilian does not speak as much English as her brother John.

(Rewrite using "than")

Her brother John speaks more English than Lilian.

(iv) Tina had never met a boy as naughty as Zero.

(Begin: Never ----)

Never had Tina met a boy as naughty as Zero.

11. Authors usually choose for their books titles which cover much information of what is contained in the books. Choose two (2) titles of the books you have read and explain their relevance to the stories in those books.

In *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, the title is relevant because it directly explains the collapse of Igbo society after the intrusion of European colonialists. The people's cultural, political, and religious systems began to disintegrate. Okonkwo, who is the central character, also suffers a tragic downfall, showing how the title symbolizes both personal and societal failure.

In *Weep Not Child* by Ngugi wa Thiong'o, the title is relevant because it expresses hope in the midst of suffering during colonial rule. The hardships faced by Njoroge and his family reflect the struggle of many Africans at the time. The title comforts the younger generation not to cry, but to remain strong and look forward to a brighter future.

12. Choose any two characters from any two (2) readings and describe them by showing how they succeeded in their problems.

In *The African Child* by Camara Laye, the character Laye succeeds in balancing African traditions and the modern world. Although he faces the challenge of holding onto his culture while pursuing education, his persistence and respect for both traditions and new knowledge help him achieve success. His ability to adapt shows how he overcame his struggles.

In *Song of Lawino* by Okot p'Bitek, the character Lawino succeeds in defending her culture against the influence of Western ways adopted by her husband Ocol. She openly criticizes Ocol's rejection of African traditions and stands firmly to preserve the dignity of her culture. Her strength and determination enable her to overcome the problem of cultural erosion.

13. One of the African traditional rites was circumcision to both girls and boys. After the coming of Europeans, this practice was declared a mortal sin. Using two readings you have done describe how this declaration affected certain individuals.

In *The River Between* by Ngugi wa Thiong'o, the European condemnation of circumcision creates tension and division in the community. Waiyaki struggles because he values education, which comes with the missionaries, but he also respects the traditions of his people. The declaration forces him to live in a world of conflict where he must satisfy both traditionalists and Christians.

In *The African Child* by Camara Laye, circumcision is described as a vital traditional rite marking the passage from childhood to adulthood. When Europeans condemned it as sinful, it shook the confidence of many Africans who saw it as an essential cultural practice. This interference undermined the pride and unity in African traditions.

14. Modern education is a necessary tool for modifying the traditional culture. Justify this statement by using two (2) readings you have done.

In *Weep Not Child* by Ngugi wa Thiong'o, modern education is presented as a tool for liberation. Njoroge strongly believes that education is the key to freedom from colonialism and oppression. Through education, Africans begin to resist the injustices they face, showing that modern learning can transform cultural identity and offer new opportunities.

In *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, modern education brings significant cultural changes to the Igbo society. While traditional respect was given to warriors and farmers, the introduction of Western schools shifts this respect toward the educated class. This change modifies the culture by creating new types of leaders who are valued for their knowledge rather than just physical strength.