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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 3 Hours

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A, B, C and D.
2. Answer **ALL** questions in sections A, B, C and **TWO (2)** questions from section D.
3. Cellular phones are **not** allowed in the examination room.
4. Write your examination number on every page of your answer booklet(s)

SECTION A (10 marks)

Answer ALL questions in this section.

COMPREHENSION

1. My friend told me of an old saying – “An idle mind is the devil's workshop”. Because you believe you also agree with the statement above. It is important that everyone should be able to employ his or her time pleasantly and even profitably in his or her spare time, because inactivity leads to boredom and a person who is bored is uninteresting; also he is more likely to fall into bad or even unlawful ways of spending his or her time.

What is a hobby? It could be defined as some activity undertaken outside normal routine of work, preferably quite different from it, so that you get variety, which adds spice to life. It could be some form of physical activity e.g. games or athletics; mental activity e.g. crosswords or chess; and some form of entertainment in which you take an active part.

Your own hobby could be stamp collecting. You might find this relaxing, full of interest, educational in a pleasant sort of way. Geographical and historical information can be gained from pictures and descriptions on stamps. It could be an inexpensive hobby or that most of your stamps are given to you by friends or correspondents abroad or you are exchanging your stamps with other stamp collectors. Occasionally you might decide to buy from stamp dealers but always cheaply. You are always hoping to come across some particularly valuable stamps, though this rarely happens. Your chief interest lies on arranging stamps in an album by country or of countries - sometimes collecting only the stamps of one particular country or of one particular type of stamps depicting flowers or animals. One advantage of your hobby is that it can be profitable as stamps tend to lose their value. The longer they are kept the more the value they gain.

Because of the introduction of machines and labour saving gadgets, people are earning more money and have more leisure time. Therefore, it will become more and more important in the future to learn to use our leisure time wisely and well. A hobby is one of the best ways of doing so.

QUESTIONS

- (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.

- (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 satans' temptations.

- (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 work place to entertain
- D games or athletics within the school routine
- E anything that entertains hands without much work.

- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (vii) 'Depicting' as used in the third paragraph means
- A showing
 - B represent
 - C explain
 - D drawing
 - E collecting.
- (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.
- (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.

(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.

2. Read and summarise the following passage in two clear sentences: The title is "The main functions of the human brain".

The human brain is an expanded bulb structure made up of two hemispheres, the right and the left.

It is a spongy matter consisting of many parts, each with its special function. Messages from different parts of the body are sent to the brain for processing. Thereafter they are sent back to various parts of the body to perform different tasks.

SECTION B (30 marks)

LANGUAGE USE

Answer ALL questions in this section.

3. Match the items in column A with the responses in column B to produce complete and meaningful sentences. Write the letter of the corresponding response beside the item number in column A.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
(i) Neither a door nor a window	A were playing tennis
(ii) The teacher with his pupils	B but also obstinate
(iii) Not only is he stupid	C were cheap in price
(iv) Many people will die of hunger	D was in the classroom
(v) His watch is not as beautiful	E if there will be enough rain
	F as his sister's
	G was left open
	H than his sister's watch
	I unless the government takes quick measures
	J but he is careless

4. Rearrange the following sentences in a logical sequence to make a meaningful paragraph by writing the corresponding letter.

- A "Allah, zai Kawo" they were said to reply when they did not put something aside.
- B They did not believe in keeping anything for the next day.
- C It was a faith that required an ordinate amount of belief in God's infallibility.
- D Nelson had heard that beggars always spent what they made in one day.
- E It was against their religion.

5. Choose and write a composition on two (2) topic from the following:

- (a) Cooking using charcoal does more harm than good. Write a composition of 250 words to give your opinion on the matter.
- (b) When are parents most useful and when are they most annoying to their children? Write the answer in 200 words.

(c) Write a letter to a friend, inviting him/her to spend the next holiday with you in one of Tanzania's national parks. Explain to her/him your plans which you think will make it the most memorable holiday he/she has ever had.

(d) Write a composition of 250 words on the topic "Spare the rod and spoil the child".

SECTION C (20 marks)

STRUCTURE

6. Complete the following sentences with a suitable expression from the alternatives given after each by writing the letter of the appropriate expression.

(i) Jacqueline is the girl ----- father works at IPP Media.

- A whom
- B who his
- C whose
- D who her
- E where

(ii) I have been waiting for this examination ----- four years now.

- A during
- B since
- C meanwhile
- D for
- E on

(iii) I travelled to Kilosa ----- train.

- A with
- B by
- C on
- D in
- E under

(iv) Simon is tall, Jangala is taller but Muhogo is -----.

- A taller than all
- B more tallest of all
- C the tallest of all
- D most tall of all
- E tallest one

7. Complete each of the following sentences with a suitable word or expression. Write the letter of the correct alternative in the answer booklet beside the item number.

(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

(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

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

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

(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

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

(a) He was generally known ---- the name "Mwalimu".

(b) The thief was led away ----- heavy guard.

(c) ----- all, remember to write your index number.

(d) The nurse carefully spread the cloth ----- the table.

9. Choose the word which is closest in meaning to the underlined one in each of the following sentences:

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

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

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

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

(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

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

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

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

- (i) Had you been careful, you would have come first in the examination. (Begin: If -----)
- (ii) Dotto was nervous. Kurwa was equally nervous. (Combine into one sentence using "as")
- (iii) Lilian does not speak as much English as her brother John. (Rewrite using "than")
- (iv) Tina had never met a boy as naughty as Zero. (Begin: Never -----)

SECTION D (40 marks)

Answer TWO (2) questions from this section.

RESPONSE TO READING

TEXTS

The African Child	-	Camara Laye
The Great Ponds	-	Amadi E.
Is it Possible	-	Ole Kulek H.
A Meeting in the Dark	-	Ngugi wa Thiong'o
Three Suitors One Husband	-	Oyono Mbia G.
Song of Ocol/Lawino	-	Okot p' Bitek
Selected Poems	-	Institute of Education
This Time Tomorrow	-	Ngugi wa Thiong'o.
New Life in Kyerefaso	-	Sutherland E.F.
No Longer at Ease	-	Achebe C.
Things Fall Apart	-	Achebe C.
The River Between	-	Ngugi wa Thiong'o
The Black Hermit	-	Ngugi wa Thiong'o
Weep Not Child	-	Ngugi wa Thiong'o

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.
12. Choose any two characters from any two (2) readings and describe them by showing how they succeeded in their problems.
13. One of the African traditional rites was circumcision to both girls and boys. After the coming of Europeans practice was declared a mortal sin. Using two readings you have done describe how this declaration affected certain individuals.
14. Modern education is a necessary tool for modifying the traditional culture. Justify this statement by using readings you have done.