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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(For Both School and Private Candidate)

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 two (2) questions from section C
3. Section A carries **sixteen (16)** marks , section B carries **fifty four (54)** marks and section C carries **thirty (30)** marks
4. All writings must be in **blue** or **black** ink.
5. Communication devices and any unauthorized materials are **not** allowed in the assessment room.
6. Write your **Assessment Number** at the top right hand corner of every page.

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1. Read the passage below carefully and then answer the questions that follow

Passage:

"Trees play an important role in preserving and protecting our environment. They release oxygen in the air and absorb carbon dioxide. In this way, they help to reduce the amount of pollution in the earth's atmosphere. Trees play the important role in the water cycle as they release moisture in the atmosphere through their leaves, in turn this helps the formation of clouds which bring rain.

Loss of trees can therefore be a cause of drought. In addition, at times where there is rain, trees can soak up much of the extra water and so, they help to prevent floods. Trees also help to prevent soil erosion; they work like nets trapping soil and stopping it from being washed away. In addition, fallen trees branches and leaves decay on the ground hence making soil more fertile.

An individual tree can be a home to all kinds of tree dwellers animals, mammals, reptiles, birds, insects as well as other plants. In thick forests, millions types of trees can be found. For example, in the tropical rain forest which occupy about 8 percent of earth's land area are homes to over 50 percent of all animals.

In addition to these benefits, products from trees provide human beings with a thousand of items. Many fruits and seeds are eaten by humans and animals. There is also wood, people do thousands of things with wood. It is used in the construction of both traditional and modern buildings. There is also furniture, such as wardrobes, beds, tables, chairs, doors to mention but a few. All of these items are made of wood.

In streets, there may be all kinds of structures made of wood like signboards, telephone and electricity poles, fences and gates. Wood is also a source of fuel. Generally trees and its advantages touch every human beings and non-human beings."

Questions and Answers:

(a) Choose the most correct answer from among the alternatives given and write its letter in your answer booklet.

(i) Trees play an important role in preserving and protecting our environment because:

- A) they provide shade on both hot days and shelter on wet days
- B) they protect the environment from pollution and the effect of weather
- C) they provide fruits and seeds which are eaten by only animals
- D) they make the soil fertile by producing oxygen and carbon dioxide
- E) they absorb excessive moisture from the atmosphere.

Answer: B) they protect the environment from pollution and the effect of weather

(ii) Trees play an important role in the water cycle by:

- A) increasing the amount of moisture in the atmosphere
- B) absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere
- C) preserving the soil texture through its leaves
- D) preventing the soil from being washed away

E) soaking up much of the extra water.

Answer: A) increasing the amount of moisture in the atmosphere

(iii) Loss of trees may cause drought because:

A) the soil that is trapped by trees is washed away

B) there will be no branches and leaves to fertilize the soil

C) the clouds which bring rains will always be present

D) the amount of moisture in the atmosphere will be reduced

E) trees in most cases only prevent rain water.

Answer: D) the amount of moisture in the atmosphere will be reduced

(iv) Why trees are beneficial to humans?

A) They stop the soil from being washed away

B) They balance the amount of water in the soil and air

C) They release water from atmosphere

D) They provide home to all kinds of animals

E) They provide fruits, wood and fuel.

Answer: E) They provide fruits, wood and fuel

(b) Complete the following sentences with the right information from the passage.

(i) Mention any of the four kinds of species that a tree can accommodate as home:

Answer: Animals, mammals, reptiles, birds, insects, and other plants.

(ii) Write down two major activities that trees do for preserving and protecting the environment:

Answer: They prevent soil erosion and reduce pollution by absorbing carbon dioxide.

(iii) Modern houses can be constructed out of:

Answer: Wood.

2. Read and summarize the following passage in five sentences in a single paragraph.

Passage:

Agriculture is the most commonly activity practiced by human. It involves the cultivation of crops and animal rearing. Agriculture can be done for subsistence or for commercial purposes. Even activities like storage processing and marketing of agricultural products are also regarded as part of agriculture.

Small scale agriculture is practiced on relatively small plots of land to meet both subsistence and commercial needs. It is characterised with the use of elementary tools such as panga and hoes to cultivate. Farmers often plant various crops as well as rearing animals in a single plot of land by using the labour provided with the family members. They also use organic manure from animals.

However, rapid population growth may affect the small scale agriculture as it leads to the reduction of the sizes of farms, overexploitation of the soil which results to soil infertility. It may also change from subsistence farming to commercial farming to meet the needs of the growing population.

Small scale agriculture has some advantages including growing of variety of food crops and rear animals on a single plot for both subsistence and commercial purposes. Farmers also earn income from selling any surplus they may have. The cost of farming is low due to the use of simple tools as well as land being acquired at a little or no cost at all since the land is mainly inherited.

Answer:

Agriculture involves crop cultivation and animal rearing for subsistence or commercial purposes. Small scale agriculture uses basic tools, relies on family labor, and incorporates organic manure. Rapid population growth reduces farm sizes and causes soil infertility, potentially leading to commercial farming. Small scale farming supports diverse crop and animal production, offering subsistence and income opportunities. Its low costs result from simple tools and inheritance of land.

3. Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each.

a) I hurried. I didn't want to be late. (Rewrite using: so that)

Answer: I hurried so that I wouldn't be late.

b) Had he faced financial problems, he would have paid the school fees. (Rewrite using: if)

Answer: If he had faced financial problems, he would have paid the school fees.

c) She worked very hard. She didn't pass the interview. (Begin with: Despite)

Answer: Despite working very hard, she didn't pass the interview.

d) If you don't work hard, you will never achieve your dreams. (Begin with: Unless)

Answer: Unless you work hard, you will never achieve your dreams.

4. Using the words below, complete the following expressions.

Nurse, accountant, artist, teacher, thief, tenant, doctor.

a) A person who takes other people's properties without permission is called _____.

Answer: thief.

b) A person who paints pictures, signs, and composes poems is called _____.

Answer: artist.

c) A person who pays rent for the use of a room, building, or land to the person who owns it is called _____.

Answer: tenant.

d) A person whose job is to keep or check financial accounts is called _____.

Answer: accountant.

5. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate articles where necessary.

a) The Earth moves round _____ sun.

Answer: the.

b) It was _____ honour for our school to be awarded the medal.

Answer: an.

c) My friend is _____ European.

Answer: a.

d) Pemba is _____ Island.

Answer: an.

6. In each of the following sentences, one word is wrong. Identify and replace it by writing the right word.

a) We are praying football.

Answer: playing.

b) The baby fills cold.

Answer: feels.

c) My herd is aching.

Answer: head.

d) The boy cut a glass-edge with a pair of scissors.

Answer: glass.

7. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow.

My name is Lilian. I live with my family in Tabora. My father is a Secondary School teacher. My mother is an accountant. My elder sister is a policewoman. She works at the police headquarters. Uncle Thomas is my father's brother. He's a carpenter and a builder. He builds most of the Primary schools in the ward. His wife is a Secretary. Their three sons; Paul, David, and Michael are drivers, and electrician, and a plumber respectively. Their two daughters Magreth and Rosemary work at the local hospital. Magreth is a

Laboratory assistant and Rosemary is a nurse. Uncle Peter is my mother's brother. He is a Professor at the University.

a) Lilian's father occupation is a _____.

Answer: Secondary School teacher.

b) Uncle Thomas' son who is a driver is called _____.

Answer: Paul.

c) Uncle Peter is _____ at the University.

Answer: a Professor.

d) The laboratory assistant is _____.

Answer: Magreth.

8. Rearrange the following five sentences into a logical sequence to make a meaningful paragraph by writing the corresponding letters in the answer booklet provided.

A. Eventually the head of the school intervened, the situation calmed down, and they concentrated on their studies.

B. The head of the advanced secondary schools went for the selection of students and they sent admission letters to the successful candidates to join their schools.

C. Form four students finished doing their National Examinations and went home with lots of stories to tell their sisters, brothers, and parents.

D. When they joined their new schools, they found it a bit difficult to settle down because of being teased and bullied by the old students.

E. NECTA had announced the National Form Four Examination Results.

Answer: E, B, C, D, A.

9. Match each expression in List A with the word in List B by writing the correct letter beside the item number.

List A:

i) The son of your brother or sister.

ii) The child of your daughter or son.

iii) The child of your aunt or uncle.

iv) A brother or sister.

v) The brother of your father or mother.

List B:

A. Sibling

- B. Uncle
- C. Nephew
- D. Grandchild
- E. Grandfather
- F. Grandmother
- G. Niece

Answers:

- i) C
- ii) D
- iii) G
- iv) A
- v) B

10. Answer two questions from the four alternatives A, B, C, and D.

A. Write an application letter for the following advertised job in the Sunday News, Monday, September 27th, 2015.

Application Letter:

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PO BOX 2242,
MOSHI
27/09/2015

The Director,
World Computers,
P.O. Box 1012,
Mwanza.

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Application for the Position of Computer Technician

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Computer Technician as advertised in the Sunday News on September 27th, 2015. I am a Form Four leaver, fluent in English, with over six months of experience in computer maintenance and IT support.

In my previous role at [Company/School/Organization], I was responsible for troubleshooting hardware and software issues, setting up network configurations, and maintaining office computers. My ability to work under pressure, coupled with my excellent problem-solving skills, makes me confident that I can meet and exceed the expectations of your company.

I am 23 years old and possess strong interpersonal skills, which allow me to communicate effectively with colleagues and clients. I am highly motivated and eager to contribute to the growth and success of World Computers.

Enclosed are my academic transcripts and certificates, including a letter of reference from my previous employer. I would be delighted to discuss how my skills and experiences align with your needs.

Thank you for considering my application. I am available for an interview at your earliest convenience and can be reached via [phone number] or [email address].

Yours faithfully,
JUMA ALLY]

B. Imagine that you are the last born in your family of five children. Your parents are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Your brothers and sisters have chosen you to make a short speech on behalf of them. Write your speech of not less than 250 words.

Speech:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening. It is an honor to stand before you on this joyous occasion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our beloved parents, [Father's Name] and [Mother's Name]. On behalf of my brothers and sisters, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for joining us in celebrating this special milestone.

Today, we gather not just to celebrate their 50 years of marriage but also to honor their unwavering love, dedication, and resilience. They have shown us the true meaning of commitment and the importance of family. Their journey together has been an inspiring example of how love can conquer challenges and flourish even during difficult times.

We are forever grateful for the sacrifices you have made to ensure we have a better life. You have been our greatest teachers, instilling in us values of respect, compassion, and hard work. Your love for each other and for us has been the foundation of our family.

As we celebrate this golden anniversary, we also reflect on the memories we have created as a family—moments of joy, laughter, and even tears, which have strengthened our bond.

Once again, congratulations on this incredible milestone. May your love continue to grow, and may we always strive to uphold the values you have taught us. We love you more than words can express.

Thank you.

C. Imagine you are working with Vodacom Tanzania. Vodacom is celebrating its 20th birthday since it was inaugurated. As a public relations officer, you are required to write an invitation card to the selected officials to attend a dinner party. Also, outline the format of writing telephone messages from those who will call for excuses. Use fictitious names.

Invitation Card:

Vodacom Tanzania
20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Date: 12/12/2015
Time: 7:00 PM
Dress Code: Formal

Dear,

Vodacom Tanzania cordially invites you to join us in celebrating our 20th Anniversary. This momentous occasion marks two decades of excellence and innovation in telecommunications.

The evening will include a formal dinner, entertainment, and an opportunity to reflect on our journey while recognizing key stakeholders like you who have been instrumental in our success.

We look forward to your presence at this grand celebration. Please RSVP by [Insert RSVP Date] to [Contact Information].

Best Regards,
M/M
Public Relations Officer, Vodacom Tanzania

Telephone Message Format:

1. Caller's Name: [Insert Name]
2. Date and Time of Call: [Insert Date and Time]
3. Message: [Reason for absence or excuse]
4. Action Taken: [Acknowledged, Follow-up required, etc.]
5. Received By: [Your Name]

Example:

Caller's Name: John Doe
Date and Time: January 10, 2025, 3:30 PM
Message: Unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Apologizes and sends best wishes.
Action Taken: Noted and acknowledged.

D. Imagine that you are in a debate club, argue for the topic “Trafficking of girls from rural to urban areas to be employed as house girls (housemaids) should be stopped” in not less than 250 words.

Debate Argument:

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I strongly stand in support of the motion that trafficking of girls from rural to urban areas to be employed as housemaids should be stopped. This practice is a violation of human rights and perpetuates a cycle of exploitation, abuse, and poverty.

First and foremost, many girls are lured from rural areas with false promises of better opportunities, only to find themselves trapped in a life of hardship. They are often overworked, underpaid, and denied basic rights such as education, healthcare, and freedom. This not only hampers their personal development but also robs them of their future potential.

Secondly, the trafficking of girls often exposes them to physical and emotional abuse. These young girls are vulnerable and powerless, making them easy targets for exploitation. Such practices contribute to the degradation of our society’s moral fabric.

Furthermore, this issue perpetuates poverty in rural areas. Instead of empowering young girls through education and skill development, trafficking ensures that they remain in low-paying and insecure jobs, unable to break free from the cycle of poverty.

It is imperative for the government, NGOs, and society at large to address this issue by enforcing strict laws against trafficking, creating awareness campaigns, and providing education and job opportunities for girls in rural areas.

Let us stand together to protect the rights and dignity of these girls and ensure that they have a chance to lead a life of hope and opportunity.

Thank you.

11. Read the following poem then answer the questions that follow.

Poem:

The life at school I am not told
Is different from the life at home
At school
The hours are swallowed by studies
We study English, we study Geography

Chemistry, Biology and others.
We study!
In the classroom, in the library
In the dormitory, in the dining hall
In the assembly hall, in the chambers.

Study hard! Study hard!
For life roars like a lion
Hunting for any prey to swallow.

But something surprised me!
English!
The English language
You write this, you pronounce that
Differently.

Questions:

a) What is the poem about?

Answer: The poem is about the challenges and rigorous academic life in school compared to life at home.

b) Write the title of the poem in two words.

Answer: School Life.

c) Who is speaking in the poem?

Answer: A student is speaking in the poem.

d) Give the meaning of two figures of speech used in the poem.

Answer:

- "Life roars like a lion" is a simile, comparing life to a roaring lion, symbolizing its challenges.

- "The hours are swallowed by studies" is personification, indicating that studies consume all the time.

e) What type of poem is this?

Answer: This is a narrative poem.

f) Comment on the language used.

Answer: The language is simple and descriptive, reflecting the experiences and emotions of a student.

g) Why repetition is used in the poem?

Answer: Repetition emphasizes the intensity and routine of academic life.

h) What surprised the persona? Give reason for your answer.

Answer: The persona was surprised by the English language because it is written one way but pronounced differently.

i) What is the theme of the poem?

Answer: The theme of the poem is the struggles and realities of academic life.

j) Briefly explain the relevance of the poem to your society.

Answer: The poem is relevant as it highlights the pressures of education, which are common in society today.

12. With reference to two poems you have studied in this section, comment on the poet's use of language. Give four points from each poem.

The first poem, *The Life at School*, uses simple and relatable language to highlight the challenges and experiences of academic life.

- The poet employs repetition, such as "We study!" to emphasize the routine nature of school life.
- Imagery is used to create vivid pictures, as seen in "life roars like a lion," which symbolizes the fierce competition and challenges in life.
- The conversational tone allows readers to connect with the poem's message easily.
- Personification is seen in "hours are swallowed by studies," emphasizing how time is consumed entirely by academic activities.

The second poem, *Growing Up with Poetry*, uses figurative language to evoke emotions and thoughts about life's journey.

- Metaphors are used extensively, such as comparing life to a river that flows continuously, symbolizing its ever-changing nature.
- The poet uses rhythm to give a musical quality to the poem, making it engaging for readers.
- Symbolism is employed to represent deeper meanings, such as "flowers" representing youth and growth.
- The poet's choice of simple diction ensures that the themes are accessible to all readers.

13. Using two plays you have studied in this section, discuss how some traditions, customs, and beliefs contribute to misunderstandings and underdevelopment in a society. Give four points from each play.

In *The Lion and the Jewel* by Wole Soyinka:

- The tradition of bride price is portrayed as a practice that objectifies women and leads to conflicts.
- Polygamy is shown as a cause of rivalry and discord among women, which hinders societal unity.
- The preference for traditional leadership over modernization creates misunderstandings between generations.
- Superstitions and resistance to change contribute to the community's inability to embrace progress.

In *The Black Hermit* by Ngugi wa Thiong'o:

- Ethnic divisions and the emphasis on tribal loyalty prevent national unity and development.
- The fear of change leads the community to hold onto outdated customs, stalling progress.

- The belief in arranged marriages causes personal conflicts and resentment, as seen in the protagonist's struggles.
- Social stigmas around leaving one's community for education or work hinder individual growth and contribution to society.

14. In literary works, the titles enable the readers to understand the message(s) the writer wants to convey. Verify this statement using two novels or short stories that you have studied in this section.

In *A Wreath for Father Mayer of Masasi* by S. N. Ndunguru, the title reflects the core theme of the novel, which is honoring the life and contributions of Father Mayer to the Masasi community.

- The title prepares readers to explore themes of sacrifice, dedication, and the importance of community service.
- It emphasizes the respect and reverence the community has for Father Mayer, aligning with the story's message of appreciation for selflessness.
- The title encapsulates the significance of leadership and mentorship, as shown through Father Mayer's impact.
- The wreath symbolizes honor and remembrance, tying the story's events to its central theme.

In *Passed Like a Shadow* by B. M. Mapalala, the title signifies the fleeting and destructive impact of AIDS on the lives of individuals and families.

- The title highlights the transience of life and how quickly it can be taken away by the epidemic.
- It mirrors the theme of loss, as characters in the story grapple with the deaths of loved ones.
- The title conveys a somber tone, preparing readers for the emotional and societal challenges addressed in the story.
- It serves as a metaphor for the lack of awareness and the need for education about the disease to prevent further loss.