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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 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 then answer the questions that follow.

In the area where water is not enough throughout the year, the farmer has to use the available materials to conserve soil moisture. The soil moisture can be preserved by using dry materials that can be applied as a carpet on the ground or plant hedges which will prevent the available moisture to be dried up by the sun especially during dry seasons.

However, care must be taken not to plant hedges which will compete with the plants for consumption of soil nutrients. The trees planted should not be too close to the plants, but just to create shading to the plants in the field.

The application of dry materials in the field, not only conserves the soil moisture, but also adds soil fertility through decaying of those materials. The decomposition of organic matters in the soil results in improving soil structure and hence high production of crops.

Apart from adding fertility to the soil, the decaying matters act as a soil cover to prevent soil erosion especially during heavy rains. It also suppresses weeds which compete with the crops in the field.

In the areas where farm manure or other fertilizers are not available, mulching materials can be the best supplement in the soil.

Questions

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

(i) When mulching material should be applied in the field?

- A. During heavy rainfall throughout the year
- B. When the rain or water is not available in the area
- C. When different types of crops are planted in the same land
- D. When the farmers do not have fertilizers
- E. Throughout the year in different places.

(ii) How trees used as hedges or shades should be planted?

- A. Should not be so close to the plants to avoid nutrients competition
- B. Should be close to the plants to ensure shading
- C. Should be planted by using manure
- D. Should be planted very far from the plants
- E. Should be planted with mulching materials.

(iii) Soil fertility is a result of what?

- A. Decomposition of the field crops
- B. Planting trees around the farm

- C. Preservation of the soil moisture in the field
- D. Applying manure in the field.

(iv) Why is it important to apply dry matters in the soil?

- A. It adds moisture in the soil
- B. It creates the room for insects
- C. It prevents heavy rainfall
- D. It prevents sun rays
- E. It improves soil fertility.

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

- (i) The process of decaying of organic matter involves _____.
- (ii) Application of dry matters on top of the soil acts as a carpet to avoid _____.
- (iii) The best supplement in the soil can be _____.

Answers

(a)

- (i) B. When the rain or water is not available in the area.
- (ii) A. Should not be so close to the plants to avoid nutrients competition.
- (iii) C. Preservation of the soil moisture in the field.
- (iv) E. It improves soil fertility.

(b)

- (i) The process of decaying of organic matter involves improving soil structure.
- (ii) Application of dry matters on top of the soil acts as a carpet to avoid soil erosion.
- (iii) The best supplement in the soil can be mulching materials.

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

It is very easy to acquire bad habits such as eating too many sweets, drinking too much or smoking. The more we do it, the more we like it. If we do not continue doing it we feel unhappy. This is called the force of habit which should be fought by each of us.

One of the deeply rooted habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by not only men and women but also youths all over the world. It was brought to Africa by foreigners from America. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not good and it is difficult to get rid of it once it has been formed.

Alcohol is taken in almost all cool and cold climates. It is unnecessary to anybody in any way. In Tanzania, there are people who use alcohol. The excessive use of alcohol should be avoided as it causes harm in many ways. It affects various organs, it weakens the liver and mental powers and lessens the general energy of the body.

Answer

Bad habits such as eating sweets, drinking alcohol, and smoking are easy to form and difficult to stop. Tobacco, introduced to Africa by foreigners, is smoked or chewed by many, including youths. Alcohol, widely used in cool climates and in Tanzania, weakens the liver, mental power, and overall energy. Both tobacco and alcohol are harmful and should be avoided. The force of habit makes it difficult to quit these practices once started.

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

(a) If you do not study hard you are going to fail. (Begin: Unless _____).

Unless you study hard, you are going to fail.

(b) The coffee is too hot. No one can drink it. (Use: too to).

The coffee is too hot to drink.

(c) Rose is tall like James. (Use: as as).

Rose is as tall as James.

(d) In spite of the fact that it is raining heavily, Fatuma is going to school. (Begin: Despite _____).

Despite the heavy rain, Fatuma is going to school.

4. Two of the given things are used by certain people in their daily activities. Choose two things and write them beside the people in the given list.

Things:

gun, thermometer, pen, rake, book, bullets, injection, car, train, cooking pot, water can

People:

(a) Student pen, book

(b) Soldier gun, bullets

(c) Doctor thermometer, injection

(d) Gardener rake, water can

5. Fill in the blank spaces with the appropriate prepositions provided.

from, to, by, of

(a) I would abide by their decisions.

(b) The patient was suffering from ebola.

- (c) Bongolala is afraid of dogs.
- (d) Hawa was married to Selemani.

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

- (a) Our headmaster told us to make sure that everyone has paid the school fare.

Wrong word: fare

Correct word: fee

- (b) I don't want to cat this tree today.

Wrong word: cat

Correct word: cut

- (c) His leg was hut when he kicked the ball.

Wrong word: hut

Correct word: hurt

- (d) There was a red mark on her left chick.

Wrong word: chick

Correct word: cheek

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

Hamsa's family has two children, who are Hawa and Amina. Hawa got married to Amani and Amina got married to Musa. Hawa and Amani have two children Samweli and Anna, while Amina and Musa's children are Joshua and Zawadi. Joshua and Samweli are 25 years old, while Anna and Zawadi are 20 years old. They are all graduates.

Questions

- (a) What is the relationship between Hawa and Amani?
- (b) What is the relationship between Musa and Joshua?
- (c) What is the relationship between Samweli and Anna?
- (d) Samweli, Anna, Zawadi and Joshua are _____ of Mr. and Mrs. Hamsa.

Answers

- (a) Hawa is Amani's wife.
- (b) Musa is Joshua's father.
- (c) Samweli and Anna are siblings.
- (d) Samweli, Anna, Zawadi, and Joshua are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Hamsa.

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

Sentence Number 1 2 3 4 5

Letter

- A. They were shouting to the bus driver who caused a serious accident.
- B. On my way to the market, I met a crowd of people shouting.
- C. Finally, the bus driver was taken to the nearby police station.
- D. One day, I was asked to go to the market by my mother.
- E. Two people who were on the motor bicycle died on the spot.

Answer

Sentence Number 1 2 3 4 5

Letter D B A E C

9. Match each expression in List A with the word from List B by writing its letter beside the item number in the answer booklet provided.

Number i ii iii iv v

Letter

LIST A LIST B

- (i) Shirt, skirt and blouse A. Vegetables
- (ii) Spinach, cabbage, onions B. Soda
- (iii) Table, chair and stool C. Clothes
- (iv) Mangoes, oranges and bananas D. Juice
- (v) Fanta, Sprite and Coca-Cola E. Food
- F. Fruits
- G. Furniture

Answers

Number i ii iii iv v

Letter C A G F B

10. Answer all A to D.

A. Write a letter to the General Manager, Arusha Posho Millers P.O. Box 444 Arusha, applying for the post of an Accountant as it was advertised in the Sunday News of 21st April, 2015. Sign your name as Mzuri Kalumekenge and your address is P.O. Box 333 Chekereni.

Answer

Mzuri Kalumekenge
P.O. Box 333
Chekereni
01st November, 2016

The General Manager,
Arusha Posho Millers,
P.O. Box 444,
Arusha.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for the Post of Accountant

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Accountant as advertised in the Sunday News on 21st April, 2015. I am a qualified accountant with extensive experience in financial management, budget preparation, and financial reporting.

I am confident that my skills and dedication will be an asset to your company. I have attached my CV and copies of relevant certificates for your review.

I look forward to an opportunity to discuss my application in detail.

Yours sincerely,

Mzuri Kalumekenge

B. Tanzania has been losing a lot of citizens in road accidents. Imagine you were the Minister for Home Affairs, prepare a speech of not more than 250 words on the causes of these accidents. Give eight points.

Answer

Good morning,

Road accidents are a major problem in Tanzania, causing the loss of many lives. Today, I want to highlight the major causes of these accidents:

- Overspeeding by drivers, which reduces their reaction time during emergencies.
- Drunk driving, impairing drivers' judgment and coordination.
- Poor road conditions, including potholes and unmarked roads.
- Lack of enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.
- Reckless driving, such as overtaking in unsafe conditions.
- Overloading of vehicles, especially public transport.
- Inadequate driver training and licensing processes.
- Pedestrians and cyclists not following traffic rules.

It is our responsibility as a society to work together to address these issues and ensure road safety for all.

Thank you.

C. Write an essay of not more than 250 words on the most important things to consider in making the environment beautiful. Give eight points.

Answer

Making the environment beautiful is essential for our well-being and the sustainability of our planet. To achieve this, there are key things to consider:

- Planting trees to provide shade, reduce air pollution, and beautify the surroundings.
- Proper waste management by recycling and avoiding littering.
- Maintaining clean water bodies by avoiding the disposal of waste into rivers and lakes.
- Using eco-friendly materials to reduce pollution.
- Encouraging the use of renewable energy sources like solar and wind.
- Preserving natural habitats to protect biodiversity.
- Creating green spaces such as parks and gardens for relaxation and recreation.
- Educating the community on the importance of environmental conservation.

These efforts will not only beautify our surroundings but also ensure a healthier and more sustainable environment for future generations.

D. Write a letter to the Guardian Newspaper on the article about “Malaria, The Killer Disease” in your area as it was published on 9th May, 2015. Sign your name as Ajuae Shida and your address is P.O. Box 444 Tanga.

Answer

Ajuae Shida
P.O. Box 444
Tanga
8th January, 2025

The Editor,
The Guardian Newspaper,
P.O. Box 9091,
Dar es Salaam.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Article on “Malaria, The Killer Disease”

I am writing to commend you on your recent article published on 9th May, 2015, about malaria. This disease continues to claim many lives in our community.

The article highlighted the causes and effects of malaria, which resonated with our situation in Tanga. Poor sanitation and stagnant water remain the primary breeding grounds for mosquitoes here. I urge authorities to increase public awareness and provide free mosquito nets to vulnerable families.

Thank you for shedding light on this critical issue.

Yours sincerely,

Ajuae Shida

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

Thin and red
Skinny and bald
The boy roars on the ground
Swollen stomach
Full of waste
Thin legs
Thin arms
Twitch

As the boy
Fights with flies
Over the empty plate

Ten years old
He looks older than ten
And younger than young
And so small
As he wriggles
Prisoner
Of his unproportioned body

“Mother” shouts the boy
When I grow up
I will carry a gun
And not a pen
“My son” shouts the mother
You will never live to carry a gun
There is no meat for us.

Questions

- (a) What is the poem about?
- (b) Who is the persona?
- (c) What is the mood of the persona?
- (d) How many stanzas are in the poem?
- (e) How many verses does the poem have?
- (f) What are the possible two themes in this poem?
- (g) Briefly explain the relevance of the two themes mentioned in (f) above to your society.
- (h) What does the word “gun” symbolize?
- (i) What do we learn from this poem?
- (j) What type of poem is this?

Answers

- (a) The poem is about the effects of poverty and malnutrition on a young boy's life.
- (b) The persona is an observer describing the boy's suffering.
- (c) The mood of the persona is sorrowful and sympathetic.
- (d) The poem has three stanzas.
- (e) The poem has twenty-one verses.
- (f) The possible themes are poverty and hopelessness.
- (g) Poverty is relevant to our society as it highlights the struggles of families who cannot meet basic needs. Hopelessness reflects the despair of children who see no future due to extreme poverty.

- (h) The word “gun” symbolizes power and control, which the boy wishes to have to escape his suffering.
- (i) We learn the devastating effects of poverty and the need for societal intervention to address it.
- (j) This is a narrative poem.

12. Poets like other literary artists have messages they want to convey to their readers through poems. Discuss the statement referring to two poems you have read and appreciated. Give four messages from each poem.

Answer

Poem 1: "Songs of Lawino and Ocol"

- The need to preserve African culture and traditions.
- The negative impact of Western influence on African society.
- The value of unity and mutual respect in marriage.
- The need for self-awareness and cultural pride.

Poem 2: "Growing Up with Poetry"

- The struggles of childhood in a challenging environment.
- The importance of resilience and determination.
- The impact of family relationships on personal growth.
- The value of education as a means to overcome hardships.

13. Choose eight characters, four from each of the two plays you have read under this section, and discuss their roles to the societies.

Answer

Play 1: "Three Suitors: One Husband"

- Juliette: Represents the fight against arranged marriages.
- Atangana: Symbolizes patriarchal authority in society.
- Oko: Highlights the importance of love in marriage.
- Mbia: Depicts societal greed and exploitation.

Play 2: "The Lion and the Jewel"

- Sidi: Represents traditional beauty and pride.
- Lakunle: Highlights modernity and its conflicts with tradition.
- Baroka: Symbolizes traditional leadership and wisdom.
- Sadiku: Represents the role of women in preserving traditions.

14. With reference to any two novels you have read under this section, explain how the behaviour of some of the characters affects the welfare of the majority in society. Give four points from each novel.

Answer

Novel 1: "Weep Not Child"

- Njoroge's pursuit of education inspires others in the community.
- Jacobo's greed leads to exploitation and social unrest.
- Mwihaki's resilience represents hope for unity.
- The colonial government's actions highlight the oppression faced by Africans.

Novel 2: "Passed Like a Shadow"

- Alando's promiscuity spreads HIV/AIDS, affecting the community.
- Mama Alando's neglect of her family leads to societal judgment.
- Otieno's loyalty to traditions causes family conflicts.
- The teacher's guidance shows the value of education in fighting ignorance.