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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

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SOLUTIONS

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A, B and C with a total of **eleven (11)** questions.
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 **fifty four (54)** marks and section C **thirty (30)** marks.
4. All writing must be in **blue** or **black** pen.
5. Communication devices and any unauthorised materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.
6. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s)

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SECTION A (16 Marks)

Answer all questions in this section.

1. For each of the items (i) - (x) choose the correct answer from the given alternatives and write its letter beside the item number in the answer booklet provided.

(i) Your friend asks you to write his personal information at the back of his diary. What is the suitable term for such information?

A References

B Autobiography

C Bibliography

D Abstract

E Biography

Correct answer: B Autobiography

Reason: An autobiography is a written account of a person's life written by the person himself, which fits personal information written by the owner.

(ii) Which of the following is the correct expression?

A I am as tall as him

B I am as tall with him

C I am as tall like him

D I am tall as like him

E I am tall as he

Correct answer: A I am as tall as him

Reason: In informal and accepted modern English usage, object pronouns like him are correctly used after comparison expressions.

(iii) "I have been playing for five hours." What would be the correct statement if the event was completed at the moment of speaking?

- A I have playing for five hours
- B I had played for five hours
- C I played for five hours
- D I play for five hours
- E I plays for five hours

Correct answer: C I played for five hours

Reason: The simple past tense is used to express an action that started and ended in the past.

(iv) The cards expressing sympathy for the demise of somebody are referred to as;

- A Best wishes cards
- B Condolence cards
- C Invitation cards
- D Sadness cards
- E Ceremonial cards

Correct answer: B Condolence cards

Reason: Condolence cards are specifically used to express sympathy after someone's death.

(v) The following are the uses of the dictionary except:

- A identifying the usage of a given word
- B knowing how a word is pronounced
- C understanding the correct spelling of a word
- D showing the number of words of a language
- E understanding the meaning of the given word

Correct answer: D showing the number of words of a language

Reason: Dictionaries explain meaning, spelling, pronunciation, and usage, but they do not show the total number of words in a language.

(vi) Fidelis likes neither fish nor beef. This statement implies that;

A Fidelis likes fish but dislikes beef

B Fidelis likes both beef and fish

C Fidelis dislikes fish but likes beef

D Fidelis dislikes beef but likes fish

E Fidelis dislikes both fish and beef

Correct answer: E Fidelis dislikes both fish and beef

Reason: The structure neither...nor means not one and not the other.

(vii) In the sentence "He is always shouting at his wife." The action of shouting takes place:

A now and then

B only at the time of speaking

C over a longer period of time

D in a near future

E in a near past

Correct answer: C over a longer period of time

Reason: The present continuous with always shows repeated behavior over time, often expressing annoyance.

(viii) The following sentences express future plans except:

A The president is addressing the nation tonight

B I am going to drive to work today

C They read both documents

D I will be at work on that time

E I might visit Serengeti if it does not rain heavily

Correct answer: C They read both documents

Reason: This sentence is in the simple present tense and refers to a present or past action, not the future.

(ix) When the school closes Zuhura will visit her paternal uncle who lives at Ikwiriri.

What does the term paternal uncle mean?

A Her aunt's husband

B Her father's brother

C Her uncle from aunt's father

D Her mother's brother

E Her uncle from aunt's mother

Correct answer: B Her father's brother

Reason: Paternal refers to the father's side of the family.

(x) When you write an official letter you do not write the name of the writer in the writer's address. Why is it so?

A It normally appears at the bottom

B It is not part of official information

C It is not part of the letter

D It confuses the addressee

E It is too long to fit in the address

Correct answer: A It normally appears at the bottom

Reason: The writer's name appears in the signature section at the bottom of an official letter.

2. Match each expression involving an auxiliary verb in List A with its corresponding function in List B by writing its letter beside the corresponding item number in the answer booklet provided.

List A	List B
(i) May I go out?	A Express determination
(ii) Can he play football?	B Express option
(iii) He might be right.	C Express obligations
(iv) I can solve the problem.	D Ask for permission
(v) You must stay here.	E Express movement
(vi) I will die for my country.	F Show option
	G Express uncertainty
	H Express ability

Answer

List A	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
List B	D	H	G	H	C	A

SECTION B (54 Marks)

Answer all questions in this section.

3. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences to make a meaningful paragraph.

The paragraph begins with sentence F because it introduces the event of being selected. Sentence C follows since it shows the emotional reaction to the selection.

Sentence B comes next as it shows the actual day of the event.
Sentence A logically follows because the race is about to begin.
Sentence E fits next as it describes the action during the race.
Sentence D ends the paragraph because it gives the final result.

Correct order: F, C, B, A, E, D

4. Study the invitation card provided and complete it by choosing the correct answer from the given alternatives.

(i) Rose

(ii) Birthday party

(iii) Green Star Hall

(iv) 4:30 pm to 10:30 pm

(v) RSVP

(vi) Mobile Number 0711000543

5. Construct nine grammatical and meaningful sentences that express the quality of objects or human beings.

Round

The ball is perfectly round.

Black

She wore a black dress to the ceremony.

Energetic

The energetic boy completed all the tasks quickly.

Pretty

She has a pretty smile.

Tall

My brother is tall compared to his classmates.

Attractive

The garden looks attractive during the rainy season.

Shapeless

The old bag became shapeless after years of use.

Kind

The teacher is kind to all students.

New

I bought a new phone yesterday.

6. The following sentences are incorrect. Re-write them correctly.

(i) The students were playing soccer yesterday, weren't they.

(ii) Although the headmaster offered the trip to Ngorongoro, the students refused to go.

(iii) You can see I am busy right now. Do not waste my time.

(iv) I must go to the farm despite the rain.

(v) That is the man who came here yesterday.

(vi) My friend is too weak to run 15 km.

(vii) My sister was singing while I was dancing.

(viii) We planned to travel by ship.

(ix) I usually sleep in bed.

7. Construct one meaningful grammatical sentence for each of the following structures.

Both...and

Both the teacher and the students attended the meeting.

Neither...nor

Neither John nor Mary completed the assignment.

Either...or

You can either call me or send a message.

Not only...but also

She is not only intelligent but also hardworking.

Prefer...to

I prefer tea to coffee.

Whether...or

I do not know whether he will come or not.

8. Fill in the blanks with either say or tell.

(i) Ali said goodbye to me and left.

(ii) Please tell us about your holiday. Did you have a nice time?

(iii) Don't just stand there. Say something.

(iv) Please tell everyone about our journey.

(v) Fatuma told me that he was fed up with his job.

(vi) Never say it again. They will chase you away.

(vii) Don't tell anybody what you have seen.

(viii) Did she tell you what happened?

(ix) My sister couldn't help me. She told me to ask Janeth.

SECTION C (30 Marks)

Answer two questions in this section.

9. The language of poems is quite different from the language of normal conversation. Verify this statement using two poems you have read in this section.

In the poem Song of Lawino, figurative language such as similes and metaphors is heavily used to convey emotions and cultural values, unlike everyday speech.

The poem uses repetition and imagery to emphasize ideas, which is not common in normal conversation.

Symbolism is applied to represent deeper meanings beyond literal interpretation.

In the poem Building the Nation, irony is used to criticize leadership and social inequality, which differs from ordinary spoken language.

The poem employs compressed language where few words carry deep meaning.

The tone of the poem is reflective and critical, unlike casual conversation.

10. The African society is gifted with highly conscious people with liberated minds. Show the truth of this statement with reference to two plays you have read in this section.

In the play The Lion and the Jewel, Lakunle represents educated Africans who challenge outdated traditions and advocate for modern values.

The play shows awareness of social change and the need for development.

Characters demonstrate independent thinking in questioning cultural practices.

In the play Kinjeketile, Africans are portrayed as politically conscious and united against colonial oppression.

The characters show courage and awareness of freedom and self-determination.

The play reflects collective responsibility and mental liberation.

11. Mistreating others is morally bad because it makes them upset. With reference to two novels explain the truth of this assertion.

In the novel *Passed Like a Shadow*, mistreatment leads to suffering and emotional pain among characters.

Unfair treatment creates conflict and resentment in relationships.

The novel shows how cruelty destroys trust and peace.

In the novel *Unanswered Cries*, abuse and oppression cause psychological trauma to victims.

Mistreatment leads to social injustice and suffering.

The story emphasizes the moral responsibility of treating others with dignity and respect.