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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Duration: 3 Hours

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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 sections 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 carries **thirty (30)** marks.
4. All writing must be in **blue or black** ink.
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).



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

(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

(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

(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

(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

(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

(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

(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

(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

(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

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. The responses can be used more than once.

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

SECTION B (54 Marks)
Answer all questions in this section.

3. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences to make meaningful paragraph by writing the corresponding letter in the answer booklet provided.

Use the following format for your answers

Sentence Number	1	2	3	4	5	6
Letter						

- A Then, we were called to line up and allowed to start.
- B The day came, and we all gathered for the event.
- C My heart started beating after that information since it was my first time.
- D Surprisingly, I was the first person to touch the finishing line.
- E While we were running, the spectators were shouting, but I did not hear my name.
- F One day, my name was mentioned to participate in the international marathon.

4. Study the invitation card provided and complete it by choosing the correct answer from the given alternatives and write it beside the item number in the answer booklet provided.

4:30 pm to 10:30 pm, RSVP, Birthday party, Green Star Hall,
Rose, Wedding Ceremony, Mobile Number 0711000543

BIRTHDAY INVITATION

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Majengo has a great pleasure to invite you Miss
(i) _____ to the (ii) _____ of
their beloved son, Paul. The event will be held at (iii) _____
Starting from (iv) _____.

Your presence will be highly appreciated.

(v) _____

Mrs. Majengo:(vi) _____

5. Construct nine grammatical and meaningful sentences that express the **quality of objects/human beings** using the vocabulary items in (i)-(ix).

- (i) Round
- (ii) Black
- (iii) Energetic

- (iv) Pretty
- (v) Tall
- (vi) Attractive
- (vii) Shapeless
- (viii) Kind
- (ix) New

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

- (i) The students were playing soccer yesterday. Aren't they.
- (ii) Although the headmaster offered the trip to Ngorongoro but the student refused to go.
- (iii) You can see I am busy right now. Do not west my time.
- (iv) I must go to the farm despite of the rain.
- (v) That is the man which came here yesterday.
- (vi) My friend is to weak too run 15 km.
- (vii) My sister was singing while I danced.
- (viii) We planned to travel on ship.
- (ix) I usually sleep on bed.

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

- (i) both ... and
- (ii) neither ... nor
- (iii) either ... or
- (iv) not only ... but also
- (v) prefer ... to
- (vi) whether ... or

8. Fill in the blanks with either say or tell to complete the following sentences.

- (i) Ali say. goodbye to me and left.
- (ii) Please say 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 tell me that he was fed up with his job.
- (vi) Never tell 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 tell me to ask Janeth.

SECTION C (30 Marks)
Answer two (2) questions in this section.

LIST OF READINGS FOR QUESTIONS 9 - 11

NOVELS AND SHORT STORIES

A Wreath for Fr. Mayer	-	S. N. Ndunguru (1977), <i>Mkuki na Nyota Osman Conteh</i> , Macmillan
Unanswered Cries	-	B. M Mapalala (2006), DUP
Passed Like a Shadow	-	S. N. Ndunguru (2004), <i>Mkuki na Nyota</i>
Spared	-	Ngugi wa Thiong'o (1987); Heinemann
Weep Not Child	-	P. Ngugi (2002), Macmillan
The Interview	-	

PLAYS

Three Suitors: One Husband	-	O. Mbia (1994), <i>Eyre Methuen</i>
The Lion and the Jewel	-	W. Soyinka (1963), <i>OUP</i>
This Time Tomorrow	-	Ngugi wa Thiong'o (1972), Heinemann
The Black Hermit	-	Ngugi wa Thiong'o (1968), Heinemann

POETRY

Songs of Lawino and Ocol	-	O. p'Bitek (1979), <i>EAPH</i>
Growing up with Poetry	-	D. Rubadiri (Ed) (1989), Heinemann
Summons	-	R. Mabala (1960), <i>TPH</i>

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. Give three points from each poem.
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. Give three points from each play.
11. Mistreating others is morally bad because it makes them upset. With reference to two novels, explain the truth of this assertion. Give three points from each novel.