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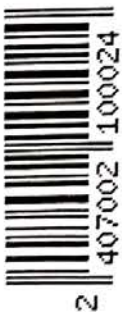
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE INVIGILATOR

Make sure you read the following instructions **before giving instructions** to the candidates:

- (i) Make sure you read the passage **loudly** and **slowly** for the first time while observing all punctuation marks indicated in the passage. When reading **for the second time**, increase the reading speed.
- (ii) The time which will be taken to read the passage is **five (05) minutes** and the time for the candidates to respond to the questions is **five (05) minutes**. Therefore, this part will be done in **ten (10) minutes**.
- (iii) When reading the story, make sure that candidates do not open the question paper.
- (iv) Read **loudly** the candidates' instructions (1 to 4).

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

- 1. I will read the passage twice; therefore, you are required to listen attentively.
- 2. When I will be reading a story, make sure that your question paper is not opened.
- 3. When I read the passage for the first time, listen without responding to the questions and when I finish reading for the second time, answer question 1, item (i) to (v), and then continue to answer the rest of the questions (2 to 7).
- 4. I am starting to read the passage now, therefore, listen attentively.



CONFIDENTIAL PASSAGE

The villagers of Rutuba used to gather at Mwenyeheri's shop in order to watch news on TV. One day, it was announced that rain season will last for only seven weeks. After that the whole area will experience severe drought. The farmers were advised to prepare their farms early for cultivation.

Meka, Matata, Haiba and some other villagers said that it had never been dry in that area. Therefore, they ignored the news. Only one villager, who was called Mwenge, believed what was said. He prepared the farm early and planted the short term seeds which took two months to harvest.

The rains came. It rained for seven weeks as it was announced. This short rain season was followed by several months of severe drought. The villagers started to believe what was announced on TV. Mwenge harvested a lot of crops in two months' time, but other villagers did not harvest anything because they had ignored the news. So, they were starving and struggling to buy food from Mwenge.