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NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF TANZANIA
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: 1:40 Hours

SOLUTIONS

Year: 2024

Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A, B and C with a total of **seven (7)** questions.
2. Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided in this paper.
3. Section A and B carry **twenty (20)** marks each and section C carries **ten (10)** marks.
4. All writings must be in **blue** or **black** pen, **except** drawings which must be in pencil.
5. Communication devices and any unauthorised materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.
6. Write your **Examination Number** and all other important information at the top right corner of every page.

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Section A (20 Marks)

1. Listen carefully to the passage read by the invigilator and then answer item (i) – (v) by choosing the letter of the correct answer and write it in the box provided.

(i) Who took Uadilifu to hospital?

- A. The mother
- B. The doctor
- C. The aunt
- D. The nurse
- E. The detective

Answer: A. The mother

Reason: The passage indicates that Uadilifu was taken to the hospital by a family member, specifically the mother.

(ii) What happened to the doctor's family after the doctor was jailed?

- A. They suffered in prison.
- B. They continued enjoying.
- C. They got very sick.
- D. They got jailed too.
- E. They lacked the basic needs.

Answer: E. They lacked the basic needs

Reason: The passage shows that after the doctor was jailed, his family could not meet their basic needs.

(iii) What did the doctor ask for in order to treat Uadilifu?

- A. Some tea
- B. Salary
- C. Soda
- D. A bribe
- E. A contribution

Answer: D. A bribe

Reason: The doctor demanded a bribe before attending to Uadilifu, showing corruption.

(iv) Why did the doctor delay to attend Uadilifu?

- A. He wanted bribe.

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- B. He was busy.
- C. He was not around.
- D. He was jailed.
- E. He was sick.

Answer: A. He wanted bribe

Reason: The delay occurred because the doctor insisted on receiving a bribe before providing treatment.

(v) Why is corruption bad to people?

- A. It makes people reach the hospital.
- B. It prevents people from getting basic rights.
- C. It makes people get sick.
- D. It makes doctors serve people.
- E. It gives ignorance to the doctors.

Answer: B. It prevents people from getting basic rights

Reason: Corruption denies people essential services and rights, such as healthcare, as demonstrated in the passage.

2. For each of the items (i) - (v), choose the correct answer and write its letter in the box provided.

(i) When the boys saw a snake in the garden, they ran _____ a nearby room.

- A. of
- B. on
- C. at
- D. under
- E. into

Answer: E. into

Reason: "Ran into a room" is the correct expression to show movement from outside to inside.

(ii) Here is the book _____ was written by Mwalimu J.K Nyerere.

- A. which
- B. who
- C. what
- D. where
- E. whose

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Answer: A. which

Reason: "Which" is used to refer to a thing (the book) that has been described.

(iii) Upendo prefers singing _____ playing netball.

A. more

B. than

C. to

D. like

E. too

Answer: C. to

Reason: The correct phrase is "prefers singing to playing netball," using "to" after "prefer."

(iv) My father found me looking for my lost ball. He asked me "Whose ball is lost?" I answered, "The lost ball is _____"

A. my

B. me

C. yours

D. mine

E. his

Answer: D. mine

Reason: "Mine" is the correct possessive pronoun to indicate the ball belongs to the speaker.

(v) You are telling your friends, "You all ate a lot yesterday". How would you ask to seek confirmation from them?

A. didn't I?

B. didn't we?

C. didn't you?

D. didn't they?

E. didn't he?

Answer: C. didn't you?

Reason: To confirm an action performed by "you all," the correct question tag is "didn't you?"

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3. For the items (i) - (v), complete the sentences by choosing the correct words given in the box:

harvest, sick, misfortune, big, good, admitted, miserable

(i) **My neighbour's laziness caused him to live a _____ life.**

Answer: miserable

Reason: Laziness leading to a poor quality of life makes it "miserable."

(ii) **They thought drinking would make them feel _____, until they found themselves unhealthy.**

Answer: good

Reason: Initially they believed drinking would feel "good," but the result was negative.

(iii) **Neema grows maize on ten-acre farm, and the _____ had improved yearly.**

Answer: harvest

Reason: The yield from the farm is called the "harvest," which improves yearly.

(iv) **Bahati wept bitterly as she was unable to control her own**

_____.

Answer: misfortune

Reason: The uncontrolled bad events or suffering in her life is "misfortune."

(v) **I _____ that I would never lie again.**

Answer: admitted

Reason: "Admitted" correctly completes the sentence to show confession or acknowledgment.

4. Match the services in List A with their corresponding places offering such services in List B and write the letter of the correct answer in the space provided.

List A

- (i) A place where sick people are given medical treatment. ()
- (ii) A place where pupils go to get education. ()
- (iii) A place where one can buy a meal. ()
- (iv) A place where people go to read and borrow books. ()
- (v) A place where milk is sold. ()

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List B

- A. Dairy
- B. Restaurant
- C. Bank
- D. School
- E. Mint
- F. Library
- G. Hospital

Answers:

(i) G. Hospital

Reason: Hospitals provide medical treatment to sick people.

(ii) D. School

Reason: Pupils go to school to receive education.

(iii) B. Restaurant

Reason: Restaurants are places where meals are sold and eaten.

(iv) F. Library

Reason: Libraries are where people read or borrow books.

(v) A. Dairy

Reason: A dairy is a place where milk and milk products are sold.

SECTION B (20 Marks)

5. Complete the following sentences by changing the verbs in brackets into appropriate form.

(i) The Director is (provide) _____ the reward to his employees.

Answer: providing

Reason: Present continuous is used for an action happening now: "is providing."

(ii) If my mother (wake up) _____ early, she will catch the first bus.

Answer: wakes up

Reason: First conditional requires present simple in the "if" clause.

(iii) Have Bahati and Jema (speak) _____ to their teacher yet?

Answer: spoken

Reason: Present perfect requires past participle after "have/has," so "spoken."

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(iv) My children like studying a lot, they rarely (play) _____ with their toys.

Answer: play

Reason: Simple present is used for habitual actions.

(v) He checked his punctured tube by (put) _____ it into the basin full of water.

Answer: putting

Reason: After preposition “by,” the verb takes the gerund form: “putting.”

6. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow by writing the correct answers in the spaces provided.

Poem:

What do I want to do in life?

I want to be a lawyer

Abused children need my hand

People's rights are my priority

If not me, who else?

What do I want to do in life?

I want to be a military officer

National boundaries need to be protected

So do all Tanzanians

If not me, who else?

What do I want to do in life?

I want to be a doctor

The sick need treatment

Public health is my priority

If not me, who else?

Questions and Answers:

(i) What is the poem about?

The poem is about the speaker's dreams and ambitions in life. It emphasizes helping others and serving the community through different professions such as a lawyer, military officer, and doctor. The poem highlights the importance of responsibility, public service, and caring for others.

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(ii) Why does the speaker in the poem want to be a lawyer?

The speaker wants to be a lawyer to help abused children and to protect people's rights. He sees the lawyer profession as a way to serve justice and assist vulnerable members of society.

(iii) What kind of a person is the speaker in the poem?

The speaker is a responsible, caring, and ambitious person. He wants to serve others and contribute positively to society through his chosen careers. He shows empathy, a sense of duty, and a desire to make a difference.

(iv) Why does the speaker in the poem ask, "If not me, who else?"

The speaker asks this to emphasize personal responsibility. He feels that if he does not take action to help others, no one else may do it. It shows his commitment to being proactive and serving his community.

(v) What is a suitable title for the poem?

A suitable title could be "My Ambitions in Life" or "If Not Me, Who Else?" because the poem focuses on the speaker's career dreams and sense of responsibility.

SECTION C (10 Marks)

7. Misongo Masata is a pupil at Upepo Primary School. He is in standard five. He was born on 22nd May 2018. On 8th January 2024 he started his first day of school. Write the required information in order to prepare an identity card for Misongo Masata.

IDENTITY CARD

(i) PUPIL'S NAME: Misongo Masata

(ii) SCHOOL: Upepo Primary School

(iii) CLASS: Standard Five

(iv) DATE OF BIRTH: 22nd May 2018

(v) SCHOOL ENTRY DATE: 8th January 2024