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## Instructions to candidates

- Write your name and admission number in the spaces provided.
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- Answer **ALL** questions in this paper
- All answers must be written in the spaces provided after each question.

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Question	Maximum	Score
1	20	
2	25	
3	20	
4	15	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	

*This paper consists of 7 printed pages. Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.*

**1. Read the passage below and the answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)**

On Sunday, Eliud Kipchoge made world headlines again when he smashed his own world record with a time of two hours, one minute, and nine seconds in the Berlin Marathon. With that, he sliced 30 seconds off his previous best mark of 2:1.39 on the same course in 2018.

Kipchoge had run so fast that he crossed the line four minutes and 49 seconds ahead of his compatriot Mark Korir, time that could have seen him have a rapid shower and dried himself just as Korir came home. But there he was, saying, “My legs and body still feel young, but the most important thing is my mind-and that also feels fresh and young.” The man might bring this thing below two hours before he turns 40.

The spectacular success of Kipchoge and other long-distance stars from Ethiopia, Uganda, Morocco, and others, is an **allegory** of the possibility of national progress and African global competitiveness. He and his ilk have succeeded because they have taken natural resources and opportunity and turned them into world-beating products. It is something Africa is very bad at. The Democratic Republic of Congo is said to be the most resource-rich country, but it has done bugger all with it. It is one of the poorest countries and remains mired in conflict. If you have that much natural wealth, you can buy a lot of peace and stability with it if you are smart in its use; ask the Saudis, Emiratis, and Qataris.

There have been plans to build a Grand Inga dam on the Congo River. Its potential can provide up to 40 per cent of the continent’s electricity needs. That would be more than twice the electricity generated by the most powerful dam in the world, the Three Gorges Dam in China. Nothing has happened. The Kipchoge treatment would have that dam up, and supplying power-cut plagued South Africa and Nigeria.

Until recently, Nigeria was Africa’s largest exporter of oil. But due to corruption and sabotage, it’s now fourth, behind Angola, Algeria and Libya. Save for Algeria, all the other three import refined petroleum products. And Nigeria and Angola are **plagued** by fuel shortages at the fuel pump. If Nigeria had a Kipchoge touch, it would be one of the world’s leading exporters of refined fuel products.

Economists keep throwing figures about to show that Africa is de-industrialising. That could be because they are measuring the wrong thing. One of the biggest industries in Africa is whining and moaning about how Europeans, Americans, Chinese, the Gulf states, and everyone else is exploiting and rigging the global system against us.

Yes, global injustices and imperialist exploitation must be called out and resisted, but the payoff is in overcoming and bragging about it. Africa cannot continue blaming all its miseries on an evil world. Too many of us believe that it is impossible to overcome the odds.

In 2019, Kipchoge demonstrated this in Vienna Ineos marathon challenge. He clocked 1:59: 40.02, something that had been seen as an impossibility to run a marathon under two hours. However, the historic result didn’t toward an official marathon record, because he ran it under controlled near-laboratory conditions. He was the only competitor and had 41 pacesetters, divided into nine teams.

That meant for every four kilometers plus, he had a fresh set of pacesetters. But **the point had been made.**

If we were all Kipchoges, we would say Africa will be a world superpower and richest continent, and just do it.

(a) According to paragraph one, what made Eliud Kipchoge to make world headlines? (1mark)

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(b) Why has Africa failed to develop, according to the passage? (2marks)

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(c) Pick a line from the passage which suggests that Kipchoge is of advanced age. (1mark)

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(d) Explain **one** instance of irony in the passage. (2marks)

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(e) Nothing has happened.  
Rewrite the sentence, supplying a question tag. (1mark)

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(f) Why did Kipchoge’s record of running under two hours in the Ineos 1:59 challenge fail to receive the marathon body’s recognition? (2marks)

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(g) Which common problem affects Nigeria and South Africa? (1mark)

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(h) Comment on the use of language in paragraph six. (2marks)

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(i) What is the author’s feeling on how African countries perceive their problems? (3marks)

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(j) From the passage, what is the secret behind Kipchoge and other African athletes’ success? (2marks)

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(k) Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in the passage. (3marks)

i) Allegory

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ii) Plagued

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iii) the point had been made

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**2. Read the following excerpt from H.R. Ole Kulet’s Blossoms of the Savannah and answer the questions that follow: (25 marks)**

“Do you know that young man your daughter is talking to?” It was her brother-in-law Simiren standing beside her. “She needs to be informed immediately.”

“Is he a bad boy?” Mama Milanoi asked urgently fearing for her daughter.”

“Far from it,” Simiren answered reassuringly. “In fact, he is one of the finest and dependable young men that we have in Nasila.”

“What’s Taiyo to be informed about him, then?” Mama Milanoi asked, puzzled.” Or is he married and has a vicious wife?”

“You are wrong again,” Simiren said smiling broadly. “It is simply this, the young man whose name is Joseph Parmuat is a brother to your daughter. Parmuat, his father is of the clan of Ilmolelian of Iloorasha-kineji sub-clan, like ourselves. It is, therefore, not only a great abomination if we were to allow their ignorance to desecrate Nasila cultural values, but their illicit contact would be a taboo that is bound to have untold consequences on us all.

From the corner of where she stood watching the noisy events in the room, Resian saw the meeting of her sister and the lithe young man who she had earlier in the day said was handsome. For some strange reason, she felt alarmed. Was it jealousy consuming her? But why should she be jealous of her sister? No, it was not jealousy. It was fear. It was fear of losing Taiyo. Taiyo was hers. She was her only sister, her only friend and her only ally. She could not dare lose her or share her love with anybody. Never! When she gave thought to the possibility, her young heart nearly stopped beating. For a brief, almost frightening moment, she allowed the negative emotions take the better of her. She swore- inkilani-e-papaai – she would hate anyone who came between her and her sister.

(a) Place this excerpt in its **immediate** context. (4mks)

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(b) “He is one of the finest and dependable young men that we have in Nasila.” Prove this statement with illustrations drawn from other parts of the book. (4mks)

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(c) What do you think the author achieves by use of vernacular language? (2mks)

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(d) Identify the elements of foreshadowing found in this excerpt. (4mks)

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(e) Identify the main theme in this excerpt and explain how it later contributes to the conflict in the novel. (4mks)

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(f) Describe Resian’s character traits as they emerge in this excerpt. (4mks)

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(g) “You are wrong again,” Simiren said smiling broadly. Rewrite in reported speech. (2mks)

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(h) What is the meaning of the word “**abomination**” as used in the excerpt? (1mk)

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3. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

**My parents**

My parents kept me from children who were rough.  
Who threw words like stones and who wore torn clothes  
Their thighs showed through rags. They ran in the streets –  
And climbed cliffs and stripped by the country streams

I feared more than tigers their muscles like iron  
Their jerking hands and their knees tight on my arms.  
I feared the salt Coarse pointing of those boys  
Who copied my lisp behind me on the road?

They were lithe, the sprang out behind hedges  
Like dogs to bark at my world. They threw mud  
While I looked the other way, pretending to smile  
I longed to forgive them, but they never smiled.

(a) What is the poem about (4marks)

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(b) Describe the character of the following: (4marks)

i) The speaker's parents

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ii) The children

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(c) Describe the tone used in the poem (3marks)

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(d) Identify and illustrate any **four** stylistic devices used in the poem (4marks)

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(e) What is the role of parents as depicted in the poem? (2marks)

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(f) Explain the economic background of the children in the poem (2marks)

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(g) “And **climbed** cliffs and stripped by the country streams”. Rewrite replacing the bolded word with an antonym. (1mark)

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4. (a) Rewrite the following sentences as instructed. Do not change the meaning. (3marks)

i) The minister walks to work. His wife walks to work.  
(Combine the two sentences using "as well as")

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ii) Since I did not understand Pendo's question, I was unable to give her an answer.  
(Begin: Having...)

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iii) He did not apply for the job. He did not get it.  
(Begin: Had...)

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(b) Replace the phrasal verbs underlined with one word similar in meaning. (3marks)

i) I will work hard to make up for the wasted time

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ii) Kipkorir takes after his grandfather

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iii) The project has really eaten into my savings

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(c) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. (3marks)

i) Living in the ..... (industry) part of the town can be very  
distressing

ii) The student was punished for treating the old lady ..... (respect)

iii) The mock examinations ..... (analyse) have been completed.

(d) Use the correct order of adjectives provided in brackets to complete the given sentences

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- i) I enjoyed carrying my ..... (metallic, heavy, rectangular) box every time we opened and closed school
- ii) Magoha married an ..... (American, young, intelligent) woman
- iii) Please buy me a reasonably ..... (cheap, big, purple) umbrella.

(e) Complete the following sentences with the appropriate collective noun. (3marks)

- i) The cargo arrived at the port in a ..... of ships
- ii) The teacher talked to a ..... of girls from class
- iii) A ..... of monkeys attacked the leopard.

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