**ENGLISH - GRADE 7 EXAMS TERM 1 2023**

**QUESTIONS   (30 Marks)**

**Complete the following conversations with appropriate responses.   (5 Marks)**

**Leshan**: I don't know what to give my brother for his birthday.
**Sololoi**:  Suppose you 1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
**Leshan**: No. 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
**Sololoi**:  Well, what if 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
**Leshan**: Yes, that's a good idea.
**Mutua**:   Our football team has been losing all its matches. What can we do about it?
**Muli**:      What if 4.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
**Mutua**:   We could, but 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Read the following passage and then answer questions 6 to 9.**

Kagwi was an old man who lived in Mutondoni village in Machakos district. He was a very hardworking man. He was well-known and loved by all who lived in his village. He was a kind man. Kagwi had three sons who were noted for their laziness. They did not care about themselves or anyone else. They were exactly the opposite of
their father.

1. Identify one of the characters of the old man according to the passage? (1 mark)
2. Kagwi's sons were infamous because of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)
3. The word hardworking could also mean the same as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(1 mark)
4. The other word for well-known is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(1 mark)

**Read the passage below and answer questions 10 to 12.**

One evening my mother whipped me for not taking my chores seriously. I did not clean the house properly and when she returned from the market, where she had gone to sell her grocery, she could not spare me. After that, I sadly retreated to my bed and soon, I was deeply asleep.

I then ran away into a very deep wilderness and made a home of my own. This would be a home far away from my parents so peaceful and tranquil.

1. What time was the writer punished?  (1 mark)
2. The writer was punished because she was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)
3. The word tranquil has been underlined. It means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(1 mark)

**Read the passage below and answer questions 13 to 15.**

Sharon Wamaitha was not only very proud of herself but also a little nervous. She was going to travel by herself on a bus for the first time.

"After all", she assured herself, "I am twelve now and I shouldn't need anyone to go with me and Uncle John will be waiting at the bus stop." She and her mother stood in the queue which moved forward slowly. At last, it was Sharon's turn to board the bus. Suddenly, she didn't feel brave at all. Her mother sensed that she was worried. "Don't worry," she said, "you'll be there in about forty minutes' time."

1. What made Sharon Wamaitha proud of herself?      (1 mark)
2. The word nervous would be close in meaning to the word        (1 mark)
3. The opposite of the word brave as used in the passage is low ener       (1 mark)

**Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 16 to 20. For each blank space, select the best alternative from the choices given.**

One night, there was a \_\_\_16\_\_\_ storm in the village. I was watching news \_\_\_17\_\_\_ the television when I heard a loud \_\_\_18\_\_\_ of thunder

It was followed by a flash of \_\_\_19\_\_\_. Within minutes, large drops of rain. \_\_20\_\_ and a furious wind was tearing at the rooftops and trees.

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|   |  A |  B |  C |  D |
|  16. |  raging |  ravenous  |  fierce  |  discouraging  |
|  17. |  at |  in  |  on  |  by  |
|  18. |  screech |  rumble |  rattle |  blare |
|  19. |  lighting |  lightening  | light  |  lightning |
|  20. |  had been falling |  had fallen |  were falling |  was falling |

**For questions 21 to 25, fill in the blank spaces with the correct preposition.**

1. The old man was resting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a shade.
2. He was obviously ashamed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_his misconduct.
3. What is the time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your watch?
4. My neighbour was robbed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his new phone.
5. Mr. Gitonga is popular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_pupils.

**For questions 26 to 28, add a suitable question tag**

1. I am the tallest. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
2. The little girl was sick, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
3. Let us go out, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**For questions 29 and 30, write the word that means the same as the underlined word.**

1. You cannot rely on Mary for help if  you are in trouble.
2. Traders journeyed from town to town across the country with their goods.

**MARKING SCHEME**

1-5 (Accept any reasonable answer)

1. hardworking/industrious
2. laziness
3. industrious
4. famous
5. in the evening
6. lazy
7. calm
8. She would be happy to travel alone by bus
9. anxiuos
10. coward
11. A
12. C
13. B
14. D
15. C
16. in
17. of
18. by
19. of
20. with
21. aren't I
22. wasn't she
23. shall we
24. depend
25. travelled