FORM 4 MID-TERM EXAM

**TIME: 1 HR 30MINS**

**EXCERPT (15 marks)**

"Oh God of all creation!” Resian cried out bitterly and audibly as soon as the cruel ugly old woman left her. "What unending woes these are! *Taba! Kilome sogo!* "What have I done to the gods to deserve this kind of punishment?”

Then she recalled the teaching of the Bible, and especially where it narrated the woes of those who went through similar or even worse tribulations, but triumphed at the end. She particularly remembered the wailing lamentations of Job and his railing against injustice, and she thought her problems were nothing compared to those he had suffered. He triumphed because he was stoic, focused and was able to persevere. Olarinkoi and his demonic mother may physically take her to Tanzania, Olarinkoi may physically take her as his wife, they may even physically circumcise her, but mentally she was going to resist. She was going to refuse to be subdued. Where she could, she was going to physically resist. She resolved to remain focused and she prayed for strength and endurance to be able to bear all those misfortunes.

She had wondered where Olarinkoi was, but she had now learnt from his mother that he was some place planning more evil. She had also learnt that Oloisudori, the monster, was looking for her. She now wondered who among them was a lesser devil. She did not know what to think about her father. He was like the proverbial pig that was fried using its own lard. She thought he was suffering double tragedy: the loss of his daughter and the loss of his shop and home if they were financed by Oloisudori.

**Questions**

1. "Oh God of all creation!" What has elicited this reaction from Resian? (2 marks)

**The mono-eyed woman reveals to Resian their intention to marry her off to Olarinkoi. They plan to call the Enkamuratani once she has healed. They would then flee to Tanzania.**

1. Comment on the mood in this excerpt. (2 marks)

**Sad mood- Resian is undergoing too much suffering**

1. Describe the character trait of Resian. (2 marks)

**Determined- She was going to refuse to be subdued**

**Focused- She resolved to remain focused**

**Religious- she prayed**

1. Identify and explain one stylistic device used in this excerpt. (2 marks)

**Local dialect- *Taba! Kilome sogo!***

**Biblical allusion- Then she recalled the teaching of the Bible**

**Simile- He was like the proverbial pig that was fried using its own lard**

1. Comment on one theme implied in the excerpt. (2 marks)

**Determination,**

**Culture**

**Betrayal**

1. "She now wondered who among them was a lesser devil". How is each of them a devil? Answer from elsewhere in the novel. (4 marks)

**Olarinkoi promised to take her to Minik but he wants to marry her forcefully and circumcise her.**

**Oloisudori forcefully wants to marry Resian and has even paid dowry against her wish.**

1. Give the meaning of the following phrase as used in this except: **Refuse to be subdued** (1 mark)

**Refuse to be defeated/ overcome**

**POETRY (15 marks)**

**Read the oral poem below and answer the questions that follow.**

**Famine**

The owner of yam peels his yam in the house

A neighbor knocks at the door

The owner of yam throws his yam in the bedroom

The neighbor says, “I just heard

A sound *kere kere*, that’s why I came”

The owner of the yam replies,

“That was nothing, I was sharpening two knives.”

The neighbor says again, “I still heard

Something like *bi* sound behind your door.”

The owner of the yam says,

“I merely tried my door with a mallet.”

The neighbor says again,

“What about the huge fire burning on your hearth?”

The fellow replies

“I am merely warming water for my bath.”

The neighbor persists,

“Why is your skin white, when this is not the

Harmattan season?”

The fellow is ready with his reply,

“I was rolling on the floor when I heard of the death of Agadapidi.”

Then the neighbor says, “Peace be with you.”

Then the owner of yam starts to shout,

“There cannot be peace

Unless the owner of food is allowed to eat his own food!”

**Questions**

1. What is the poem about? (3 marks)

**Effects of famine. There is famine, a yam owner while preparing his yam in his house attracts his neighbor who does not have food. When the neighbor comes to request for some the owner of yam hides and says he does not have any yam.**

1. How do we know that the neighbor is not convinced by the owner of the yam’s explanations? (2 marks)

**He keeps asking questions to show that there is yam in the house. He says ‘peace be with you’**

1. Which character trait is revealed about the owner of the yam? (2 marks)

**Dishonest selfish emotional**

1. Identify and illustrate three features of this poem that indicate that it is an oral poem. (6 marks)

**Direct address/dialogue/ conversational aspect**

**Repetition**

**Ideophones**

**Native terms**

\*with illustrations

1. How would you perform the last two lines of the poem? (2 marks)

**One verbal and one non-verbal cue well explained**

**GRAMMAR**

1. Rewrite the following sentences as instructed.
2. Someone is following us. (rewrite in the passive)

**We are being followed (by someone)**

1. The victim and the neighbors did not speak to the reporters. (Begin: Neither…)

**Neither the victim nor the neighbors spoke to the reporters.**

1. Use the correct form of the word in brackets to fill in the blanks.
2. The dog barked ­­­­\_\_\_\_**menacingly**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the stanger. (menace)
3. The \_\_\_\_**enmity**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between Kameno and Makuyu is damaging. (enemy)
4. Form phrasal verbs from words in brackets to replace the underlined words in the sentences below.
5. We were delayed by the heavy traffic jam. (hold)

**Held up**

1. He regained consciousness before the doctor arrived. (come)

**Come round/to**

1. Use the correct preposition to fill the blanks.
2. I am indebted \_\_\_**to**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him for the help he gave me.
3. She has always confided ­­­\_\_\_\_\_**in**\_\_\_\_ him.
4. Fill the blank spaces using the correct form of the verb in brackets.
5. If I had money, I ­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_**would have bought**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a computer. (buy)
6. If he \_\_\_\_\_\_**were**\_\_\_ obedient, I would stay with him. (be)

**ORAL SKILLS**

1. You are the secretary of the journalism club at Elimu Bora High School. On Friday you would like to interview your school Deputy Principal on the issue of student’s discipline.
2. State four things you would do as you interview him. (4 marks)

**Use open ended questions**

**Maintain eye contact with Deputy Principal**

**Avoid controversial topics**

**Establish rapport with him**

**Avoid talking too much**

1. How would you prepare for the interview? (3 marks)

**Prepare a list of questions**

**Rehearse**

**Dress appropriately**

1. ***I used to be a banker but I lost interest.***
2. Identify the above oral literature item. (1 mark)

**Pun**

1. What are the features of the above item? (2 marks)

**Short**

**Humorous**

**Contains words with different meanings**