**TERM 2 2024 MID TERM EXAM**

**ENGLISH FORM 1**

**TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MIN**

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1. **CLOZE TEST**

Read the following passage and fill the gaps with the most appropriate words. Use only **ONE** word in each space.

 Little wakesho lived \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ constant fear of a beating from Mrs Mbogoli, who employed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2) as a househelp. Mrs Mbogoli was a hot-tempered, strong and energetic woman who did not hesitate to use the cane on Wakesho whenever the little girl \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3) a mistake. Wakesho had learnt to avoid some of the beatings by taking to her heels as soon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(4) she suspected that Mrs Mbogholi was about to lose her temper.

 One afternoon, Wakesho, fleeing from Mrs Mbogoli, found the gate to the front yard \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (5) Without any hesitation, she squeezed through \_\_\_\_\_\_ (6) narrow gap between one of the posts of the gate and the fence. Mrs Mbogholi, not one to give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (7) easily thought she could also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (8) through. However, she got stuck. To make matters worse, her skirt got caught in the barbed wire and audibly tore as she struggled in vain to free \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (9). She shouted for help but none of the neighbors was willing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (10) her get out of her undignified trap.

1. **Reorganize** the following sentences to write a paragraph. (5 marks)
2. She was last seen driving towards Mtito Andei.
3. Help me trace her.
4. She is in her mid 40’s and speaks Kikuyu, English and Kiswahili.
5. She was wearing a red dress and black shoes.
6. My wife Loise has gone missing
7. **Read the poem and answer the questions that follow.**

*THE DEBT*  [LAURENCE DUNBAR]

This is the debt I pay

Just for one notorious day,

Years of regrets and grief,

Sorrow without relief.

Pay it I will to the end

Until the grave, my friend,

Gives me a true release-

Gives me the clasp of peace.

Slight was the thing I bought,

Small was the debt I thought,

Poor was the loan at best-

God! But the interest!

1. Define a poet. Who is the poet in the poem above? (2mks)
2. Who is the persona in the poem? (2mks)
3. Describe the rhyme scheme of the poem. (2mks)
4. Identify words which are **pronounced** as the words below. (4 marks)
5. Aunt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Buoy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Wright \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. ***Read the oral narrative below and answer the questions that follow.***

One day the Chameleon and the donkey were arguing as to who could run faster than the other. The donkey said, “You Chameleon, you are very old. You can’t compete with me in a race.”

The chameleon replied, “Don’t blow your own trumpet. I am not going to praise myself, but I know you can’t defeat me in a race. We shall be equal.”

The race began and the chameleon jumped on the donkey’s tail. They ran until the donkey was so tired that he stopped to rest. As soon as the donkey was so tired that he stopped, the chameleon jumped from the donkey’s tail and said, “ Now my friend donkey, are you any faster than I?’

“Now, I know that you are a man.”

QUESTIONS

1. Classify the above narrative (1mk)
2. Give three characteristics of narrative mentioned above. (3mks)
3. Underline the word that shows possessiveness. (1mks)

“As soon as the donkey stopped, the chameleon jumped from the donkey’s tail……”

1. Explain the meaning of the following. (1mk)

Don’t boast

1. a) Define oral literature (2mks)

b) Name two categories of the genres of oral literature and give an example for each category. (4 marks)

c) What are the qualities of a good story teller? (3 marks)

**7. GRAMMAR**

1. Choose the correct alternative from the brackets to fill in the gaps.
2. The team \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not have a good coach at the moment (does, do)
3. You and I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to talk about it before it is too late (has/ have)
4. The class teacher is interested in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ alone. (him/he)
5. Judges \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ suspects who are proven guilty ( sentences/sentence)
6. Complete the sentences below using the correct form of the verb given in brackets
7. I had already \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to mop the floor when the man arrived. (begin)
8. The books were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the library yesterday. (take)
9. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more than two hundred kilometers today. (drive)
10. Complete sentence using the correct comparative form of the adjectives given in the brackets.
11. There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ milk in the kettle. (much)
12. This is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book I have ever read (good)
13. This sum is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than I had anticipated. (difficult)