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TASK 1: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the story below and then answer the questions that follow.

John and Mercy are siblings. They are used to doing most of their activities together. They go to school together and do their house chores together, go to the market together and most of the time, play together. One Saturday afternoon, after doing all the house chores, John went to play football with his friends. Unfortunately, John did not come back home that day. His friends reported that some people took him away while they were on their way home after playing. One month, two months, six months and one year passed, John was nowhere to be seen.

During this period, the school performance of his sister, Mercy, dropped. At some point, she even stopped talking to people at home and in school. She lost weight and her self-esteem was down. It was a tough year for Mercy and her family.

One year after John's abduction, two people got arrested for the offence of child abduction. Some children were rescued and John was one of them. John was brought back home and everybody was happy.

Within a few months after John was brought back home, Mercy regained her mental well-being which led to an improvement in her school performance. She was always happy and made meaningful contributions at home. In addition, Mercy developed good relationships with other learners at school. However, on coming back, John was quiet and could not go out to play with his friends. John was also not willing to go back to school. After professional counselling, John's self-esteem improved and he willingly went back to school.

<p>1. According to paragraph one, why didn't John come back home after playing with his friends? (1 mark)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Mercy? (1 mark)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>2. Generally, how did John's disappearance affect her sister</p>	<p>3. For how long had John been a captive? (1 mark)</p> <p>_____</p>

4. In your opinion, why was John quiet and could not go out to play? (1 mark)

5. Suggest a suitable title for this story. (1 mark)

TASK 2 : SUMMARY

Read the passage below and then answer the question that follows.

Guitars, drums, fiddles and shakers can be used to accompany acapella. This makes people; men and women, boys and girls, young and old, happy and in good mood. The world without music could be just another hell. Composers and singers are a reliable source of real entertainment. More so, music industry has created opportunities to many people among them being song writers, script editors, producers and dancers.

However, in the race to entertain the universe, moral values have to be upheld. The performing entertainers must be well informed about the do's and don'ts in the music industry. If they produce anything that crosses their mind, there will be a likelihood of hosting a stinking generation in the future.

6. a) Use upto 35 words to summarize paragraph one (2 marks)

b) Replace do's and don'ts with one word. (1 mark)

c) Summarize the key idea in paragraph two. (1 mark)

TASK 3: GRAMMAR

Identify the subject in the sentences below. (2 marks)

7. She kicked the ball and scored for her team _____

8. The tree was blown down by the storm _____

Write the following negative sentences in affirmative forms. (2 marks)

9. They do not live in a storey building. _____

10. They won't be able to water the flowers. _____

Construct simple sentences using the given words. (2 marks)

11. People _____

12. Gym _____

Identify the underlined types of prepositions. (2 marks)

13. The man parted from his friends.

14. The tourist stayed at the Tourist Hotel.

Write the types of the highlighted pronouns. (2 marks)

15. The visitors will have to stay with them.

16. The brown chihuahua is mine.

TASK 4: ORAL LITERATURE AND POETRY

Read the story below and then answer the questions that follow.

Lengai feared going into cardiac arrest as his heartbeat accelerated while his little finger shook on the trigger. Yes, he would hit the target if he fired the gun as directed because he was an expert at the task. He had been in this industry long enough yet something inside him strongly disagreed. Consider the consequences of the crime you are about to commit. Do you have to do it? A voice rang in his head.

Like an enraged hissing snake, Mugeni muttered, "No emotions here, Lengai! Simply pull the trigger and execute now!" Mugeni was becoming irritated.

Mugeni was a trustworthy individual who paid promptly and generously. However, he despised jokers and inexperienced accomplices. Lengai pondered what would happen to him if he failed to complete the task.

Lengai's inner voice grew increasingly louder. He turned sideways and gazed at the short thick man next to him. He lacked the confidence to fire the shot that would kill the rhino. He felt as though he had been given an impossible task of pushing a large truck up a steep incline. It was impossible for him to collect the one ounce of energy needed to pull out that tiny piece of metal. He was overcome by a sensation that he was unable to describe. He released the trigger's pressure once again.

Mugeni's wide eyes were still fixed on their shared target which was around fifty or sixty metres away. As he anticipated the victim's fall, his mouth was agape and his breathing was uneven. They had a good opportunity to kill, dehorn and escape from the scene unhurt. They did not have to worry about gunshots being heard because the powerful gun featured a special foldable silencer. Except for Lengai's delay in shooting, Mugeni did not anticipate anything going wrong. After all, the victim was not confined to a single location.

(Courtesy of Bridges without Rivers)

17. Referring to the first sentence, describe Lengai. (1 mark)

18. Why do you think Mugeni was becoming irritated according to the second paragraph? (2 marks)

19. "It was impossible for him to collect the one ounce of energy needed to pull out that tiny piece of metal" What does this sentence imply? (2 mark)

20. Why were Mugeni and Lengai not worried about the gunshots being heard on shooting their target? (2 marks)

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow.

Protect the Environment.

Oh, behold the beauty of the world
A marvelous creation by God
Features and creatures of the wild
For humans to use and safeguard.

Mountains, valleys and grasslands
Forests gracing the lands
Rivers snaking through the woods
Giving water to our neighbourhoods.

But alas! See how humans are rude
Not caring even when they could
Protect the environment as they should
To ensure their lives are good.

Stop the spillage of industrial waste
And dumping of garbage all over in haste
Stop fires, chemical use and all that's against
Keeping our environment at its best.

(Courtesy of Daughter of Nature and other poems)

21. According to the first stanza, what are there for humans to use and safeguard? (1 marks)

22. What do you think the poet means by the beauty of the world? (1 mark)

23. In summary what is the main information in the second stanza? (2 mark)

24. What are some of humans activities that can be used to confirm their rudeness, according to the poem? (3 marks)

25. Describe the structure of this poem (1 mark)
