STAREHE GIRLS' CENTRE MOCK EXAMINATION 2025

101/2
ENGLISH
Paper 2
(Comprehension, Literary Appreciation and Grammar)
Time: 2 ½ Hours

MARKING SCHEME

1. **Comprehension**

a) It connects individuals across the globe with the click of a button but its darker side also casts a long shadow. ✓2

b) To confirm the reality that social media negatively affects the family unit ✓2/ it causes chasm/ rift/ gap among family members. ✓

c) It creates a gap between people (family members) ✓**2**. It reduces chances of face-to-face conversations ✓**1**/ families sit together but are miles apart. ✓

d) Social media users are caught in the crossfire of confusion and harm. ✓2

e) It has (a negative) impact on mental health. ✓**a** It erodes real-life relationships. ✓**b** It leads to the spread of misinformation. ✓**c** It is a notorious thief of time. ✓**d**

   (Must be in prose. If not, award 50 percent of the score. Affix N if in note form. Deduct ¼ mark per sentence for every faulty expression.)

f) To underscore the fact that social media is a conduit through which a lot of rumours spread ✓2/ emphasizes the fact that false information spreads very fast on social media.

g) Critical ✓1– Social media offers connectivity which comes at a price too deep to ignore. ✓1
   Advisory✓1 – to navigate this digital era wisely, one must tread carefully…✓1

h) i) wastes time/ moments ✓1
   ii) rift / gap ✓1
   iii) trap ✓1

2. **EXTRACT**

a) In the Principal's boardroom. ✓1

b) Seymour ✓1– Only approves building plans upon being bribed. ✓1
Hon. Ted King ✓1– ensures only companies associated with his relatives and friends win tenders for the construction of health centres. ✓1
Hon. Ramdaye ✓1– misuses funds meant for construction and maintenance of secondary roads. ✓

c) Aspects of style;

   ▪ Metaphor ✓1– howler monkey makes reference to irresponsible leaders. ✓1
   ▪ Symbolism ✓1 – bananas symbolize resources✓1

- Irony ✓1 – The Samaritan from Nicole's perspective is an avenue of demanding accountability from leaders yet Mossi, a leader who should hold the same view point considers it a political weapon instead. ✓1

d) Mayor Mossi's traits;

i) Judgmental ✓1– "You cannot teach the right things." ✓1

ii) Pessimistic/ dismissive ✓1– Does not believe that The Samaritan App will offer any solutions in the society. "I now know why you insist on an innovation that cannot solve any problem." ✓1

iii) Selfish/ egocentric ✓1– He is only obsessed with being assisted to survive the onslaught in The Samaritan. ✓1

iv) Irresponsible/ inept/ incompetent✓1 – Admits that members of the Municipal Executive Council have failed him yet he is in charge. ✓1

e) Thematic concerns

- Hope/optimism ✓1– Nicole believes The Samaritan is a platform through which the people can demand the corrupt leaders' removal from office and prosecuted. ✓
- Pessimism ✓1– Mossi believes that The Samaritan, a computer programme, will not stop politicians from misappropriating/ plundering resources. ✓1
- Education ✓1– "We teach the m to uphold the moral and civic virtues without which our society can never prosper, be fair, just, and peaceful." ✓1
- Morality/ uprightness ✓1– Nicole be they are responsible for electing the wrong people in office. Believes the school disseminates such virtues like honesty, truthfulness, generosity, integrity and transparency. ✓1
- Ineptitude/ incompetence/ irresponsibility ✓1– as the mayor, Mossi admits that the leaders under him have failed him big time. ✓

f) Condemnatory / dismissive / disapproval ✓2 – He believes the schools are not teaching the right things ✓1. According to him, schools are training learners how to be defiant to authority. ✓

g) Unless it intends to resolve any problem, The Samaritan should not focus on the people. ✓1

h) *After the excerpt*

i) Ms Nicole expresses confidence that kids are capable of developing an application✓1 (as they are introduced to coding at a very tender age)

ii) Mossi fetches his business card from his pocket, throws it at Nicole. It lands on Nicole's nose. Nicole jumps to her feet and retreats to the wall. ✓1

iii) Mossi instructs Nicole to delete every post that casts him in a negative light in The Samaritan. ✓1

iv) Mayor Mossi exits the boardroom slamming the door behind him. ✓1

3. <u>ORAL NARRATIVE</u>

a) Oral narrative – "A long time ago …"
(Accept any other relevant illustration.)

b) The King of Heaven would only give his daughter to someone who would fetch a pot of water from the Great River of No Return. ✓1 All the creatures feared the river (its currents were strong) ✓1 No one who entered the river ever came out alive. ✓1

c) i) Proud ✓1– "This is my chance to prove I am the cleverest of all." ✓1

 ii) Opportunistic ✓1– "If I marry the King's daughter, I'll live in luxury forever." ✓1

 iii) Determined ✓1– "Determined to marry the Kings daughter." ✓1 "… a bride I must win."

 iv) Contemptuous / spiteful ✓1– "This shell-backed schemer has outdone me." ✓1

 v) Daring / courageous ✓1– Risks his life in the dangerous river to fetch a pot of water. ✓1

 vi) Scheming ✓1 – "… while spider remained on earth, plotting his next move." ✓1

 vii) Appreciative ✓1– "Tortoise may be slow, but his wit is as sharp as a knife." ✓1

d) i) Opening formula ✓1– "A long time ago." ✓1 – Introduces the story. ✓1
ii) Timelessness ✓1– "One day …" "A long time ago…"✓1 Contextualizes the story. ✓1
iii) Use of songs ✓1 – "Slow and steady wins ..." ✓1 Reveals the determined nature of the Tortoise/ ✓1breaks monotony of narration.
iv) Personification / fantasy ✓1– Animals marrying. ✓1 It makes the story interesting. ✓1
v) Closing formula ✓1– "And that is the end of my tale." ✓1 Signifies the end of the story. ✓1

e) Breaks monotony of narration. ✓1
ii) Makes the story interesting. ✓1
iii) Brings out the character of the Tortoise as being determined/ appreciative/ intelligent/ wise✓1
iv) Brings out the theme of determination. ✓1
v) Enhances the plot of the narrative. ✓1

f) Marriage – Tortoise and Spider planning to marry the King of Heavens daughter. ✓1

g) Not only does the river take but it also gives. / Not only does the river take but also gives. ✓1

4. **GRAMMAR**
a) i) Unless she asks me to, I will not go. / I will not go unless she asks me to.
  ii) That the couple takes care of so many orphans is amazing.
  iii) No sooner had the sun risen than I woke up.
  iv) she
  v) But for the man's laziness, he would have married Anne.

b) i) awesome
  ii) more heroically
  iii) disrespect
  iv) discontinued

c) i) taken aback
  ii) look forward to
  iii) went out

d) i) There were many employees ten of whom were fired by the manager.
  ii) The employees were ten and were all fired by the manager.

e) The fact that you cannot (you are unable to) do it does not mean it is impossible.