

CLOZE TEXT

1. **Fill in each of the blank spaces in the passage below with the most appropriate answer**

One of the challenges.....(1)the country today is youth unemployment. Related to this is lack of patriotism and a sense of.....(2). A number of interventions have been rolled to tackle.....(3)challenges that youth issues are so.....(4),they deserve a ministry, not just a(5).

Among the notable programmes by the ministry was the creation.....(6). Youth fund, whose objective is to.....(7)money to youth people to venture into business.(8) it is too early to assess its impact, the intention was noble.

Following this,.....(9) government now wants to re-introduce a company paramilitary training programme for school leavers.....(10) the National Youth Service.

2. **Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word**

Different types of oral literature can have (1) _____, if not identical, functions. One can use stories, riddles and proverbs, among other kinds of oral literature, to express (2) _____. It is (3) _____ true to say that one type of oral literature may have many different (4) _____. For example a work song that (5) _____ people to pull together in their efforts may also be sung as entertainment for children, or as a political weapon when people are competing in parliamentary elections. It is (6) _____ important that when one is collecting a song, one must also find out for what purpose it is being sung.

(7) _____ the text of the song is important, its context must (8) _____ be well known. The interest of the song is greatly enhanced and it is given (9) _____ proper character by the (10) _____ in which it is sung.

3. **Fill in each blank space with the most appropriate word.**

Every year, we look (1)..... to Christmas as a time for festivity and family get together. The jovial atmosphere that surrounds the season lifts our spirits. Families make last minute (2)..... to the supermarkets to buy gifts to loved ones (3)....., we forget that January is coming with (4)..... challenges. The sooner you (5)..... planning, the better. This will help you avoid going (6)..... in your expenditure. Most people take this time to (7)..... their upcoming home, creating transport (8)..... all over. A reunion of relatives is always the joy of charismas so to say. To some, it is just the onset of misery. This is because they don't have anything to (9)..... The last week of the year to them is always injury time. Either they do not have anything to give or they are worried over (10)..... and its responsibilities.

4. **Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word**

I do not support abortion. But there are cases of incest (1) Rape where(2) should be given a chance to choose whether to live with the child or not. My position is informed (3) the Christian faith that I profess. The Bible (4) states that thou shall not kill.

Of course there may be a scenario in which a doctor is faced with a (5) where a mother's life is in danger and the only way to save her life is to abort the (6) It is unfortunate that nobody wants to address that issue directly. (7) my personal view is that doctors and experts should have the leeway to make professional judgements. There are hard (8) to be made like in the event of (9)..... risk of losing life, does the doctor save the foetus or the mother or let both to die?

When does life begin then? According to churches, life begins at conception. And when does it end? Is it when one is put on a life support machine or when a doctor (10).....one dead? There is need to be pragmatic on this issue of abortion.

5. **Fill in each of the blank space in the passage below with the most appropriate word. ***

(1)the deliberations began yesterday, it was evident that the climate of suspicion and (2)..... blood still reigned. The M.P's and (3) of their political parties must acknowledge cardinal principal (4)making accusation and issuing threats. They are deliberating on the (5)..... of Kenya.

They were (6) by the people of Kenya to sit in the August House to (7)..... the people. They must remember that they are not discussing a constitution for themselves or any other. They are not (8) a constitution for president Kibaki or Prime Minister Raila Odinga or any other individual (9) may be having (10)..... for high office.

6. This may not be such a drab year after all (1)some good may yet be reported in the education sector following Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) decision to (2)KCSE examination candidates online.

Registering all candidates (3).....is one way towards making the registration process efficient and accountable. (4) this does not mean scrapping the time tested manual method, it is surely a (5) in the right direction.

Also it is but one of (6)reforms being undertaken in education matters to reduce time school managers, students and parents expend ahead of national examinations.

It would also significantly reduce (7)of Academies registering weak students (8).....other examination centers and make it easier for candidates to (9) the status of their registration and (10).....perennial complaints of non-registration

7. **Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with the appropriate word.**

Garbage, garbage and more garbage; easy to generate but difficult to (1)_____ of. But if we stopped complaining about its choking (2)_____ for even one minute, we would realise that there is (3)_____ that we can do about it – perhaps even earn a living (4) _____ it.

There are women groups that have been making and selling high (5)_____ manure from domestic waste such as potato and banana peels. In so doing they create employment for (6)_____ and those who collect the garbage for them. The manure is said to be so _____ that it causes crops to yield three times as much as other types of manure _____ fertilizers. This boosts our agricultural sector (9)_____.

In a country like Britain, waste paper can now be eaten. It is softened and sweetened (10) _____a certain technology then fed to cows. Such cows are said to produce creamier milk.

8: **Fill each of the blank spaces in the passage below with the most appropriate word.**

The decision (1).....information ministers (2).....single out the Media (3) what is clearly an intrusive audit of (4)performance prior to , (5) , and after the highly problematic December 2007 election should not come as a surprise. (6).....has come as a surprise. (7)the somewhat muted response from the media fraternity. From a lot that is usually vocal in the (8) of its rights (9) both real and imaginary foes, the silence is (10)frightening than government's seemingly single minded determination to gag the media.

9. **Read the passage below and fill in each space with an appropriate word**

We say that all children are born equal. (1) _____, apparently, not in Kenya where the National primary school results (2) _____yesterday again display the superior performance of private schools students compared to their counterparts in the public school system. This is (3) _____worrying trend. We are building an unequal education system where the wealthy can literally buy success.

Those children (4) _____ parents have the means will attend private schools where they stand better prospects of good primary school results, and thus have a head start in the competition for (5) _____ to the best secondary schools, and intimately the best chance at coveted university places.

The children whose parents are not wealthy will have to (6) _____ with inferior education from the word go. They will be (7) _____ by the education system, and ultimately condemned to lesser professional and employment prospects.

That is not the way to build a society where all have an equal chance (8) _____ making it in life.

This problem with the education system has been evident for some time. It has been studied by academics and by task (9) _____ and has been the subject of numerous reports. It is evident however, that the government has never taken it seriously enough to take any (10) _____ action.

10: There are (1)..... people who have never known the real value of ironing clothes before use. These people find ironing a (2)..... activity in the house and it continues daily without anybody ever giving it much thought. By wearing clothes (3)..... are well ironed, we look smart. There is definitely a great (4)..... between clothes that are not ironed and those that are well ironed. Ironing is one of the most important activities as (5)..... as promotion of personal hygiene is concerned. When clothes are hung (6)..... To dry, they are exposed to insects which could lay eggs or leave poisons that are (7)..... To us. Ironing protects us (8)..... some diseases. (9)..... Clothes are not ironed before wearing, we are likely to (10)..... From various skin problems such as skin rashes and irritations.

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(Adapted from The Standard Newspaper)

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13. Elephants are entirely vegetarian. They may _____ up to 300kg a day, which is hundred _____ as much as a human being would consume. _____ diet is varied since they are both browsers and grazers. When there are too many elephants in a _____, they eat so much food that _____ there are no more leaves on the trees and bushes. They even resort to eating the bark of

_____trees; and this kills the trees completely. Then there _____only the grass to eat, so the elephants eat that leaving the soil _____. Strong winds and heavy rains quickly wash ____ the good soil. The resulting _____impoverishes the soil so that no more plants will grow.

14. The US vice-president, Joe _____(1) was recently in the country yet for some reasons his visit _____(2) elicited much excitement. No traditional dancers at the airport or the 'we love you Biden!' screams (3) just irritation. It makes one _____(4) why heads of states insist _____ (5) sending envoys at great _____ (6) to tax payers to deliver messages to foreign leaders. That _____ probably made lots of sense in the dark day _____(7) communication was the forte of the village drummer. _____ (8) in this age of _____(9), twitter, face book and the mobile phone, and emissary who _____ (10) a whole city into a dizzy spin just to deliver _____(11)message sounds crazy.

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