**Term 2 - 2023**

**ENGLISH (101)**

**FORM ONE (1)**

**Time: 2½ Hours**

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**Instructions to the candidates**

1. Write your name and admission number in the spaces above.
2. Answer all the questions in the spaces provided.
3. Check to ascertain that the paper has all questions.
4. The paper has 11 printed pages.

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| **QUESTIONS** | | **MAXIMUM SCORE** | **CANDIDATE’S SCORE** |
| **1. IMAGINATIVE WRITING** | | **20** |  |
| **2. COMPREHENSION** | | **20** |  |
| **3. ORAL SKILLS** | | **20** |  |
| **3. ORAL NARRATIVE** | | **20** |  |
| **4. GRAMMAR** | | **20** |  |
| **100** | |  |

1. **IMAGINATIVE COMPOSITION (20 MARKS)**

Write a composition beginning with **:**

**One look at his face and I knew I would regret my actions for the rest of my life…**

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1. **Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow. (20 Marks)**

**A Matter of Wife or Death!**

The idea was ludicrous. Arnold and Linda Karomaindo stood a few feet from the front door listening to Harry. Looking at Harry stand ing there in desperation made Arnold want to cry and laugh all at the same time. He wanted to cry because he knew he would probably consent to Harry’s crazy proposal. He also wanted to laugh because it was not the first absurd idea Harry had sprung on them. Linda did not find anything funny in Harry’s proposition. As a matter of fact, she was very close and wanted him to go away. She clung on to her husband’s left hand which remained akimbo the entire time that Harry **babbled** on.

‘So, let me understand this. You want to borrow my wife!’ Amusement and disbelief weren’t lacking in Arnold’s tone. ‘She is not a bowl of sugar, Harry,’ Arnold continued with a touch of seriousness this time. ‘She is a human being and my wife for that matter.’

Linda turned to face her husband. The look in her eyes was murderous enough to **curdle** milk. She didn’t like where the conversation was going one bit. Arnold understood but kept his cool. Linda had not taken a liking to Arnold’s college friends and Harry was no exception. Her tolerance was regulated by the simple fact that she was married to Arnold. According to her, Arnold had very little in common with his college mates yet after four years of marriage, he still had a baggage of parasitic friends orbiting his life. The worst of them was Harry. What **irked** Linda most about Harry was that he lived next door.

‘It’s crazy, Harry. I’m not doing it!’ Arnold opposed, slowly shaking his head.

Linda smiled. Harry was losing.

‘Arnold, please! I won’t bring you any more trouble. I promise, ‘Harry pleaded.

‘That’s what you said last month with the tiger incident,’ Arnold reminded Harry.

How could Harry forget the incident? Only a month and a half ago, he had Arnold and Linda babysit a baby tiger he claimed to have adopted during the trip to Shanghai. Linda had wanted nothing to do with it but her husband gave in to Harry. Their tattered furniture was nothing compared to the court case that followed two weeks later. The Chinese government reported kittens missing from one of their zoos for endangered species. Amnesty from the government had saved Harry from a prison sentence, but Linda had sworn not to let him **meddle** with their lives again.

Right now, Harry’s fix did not involve a baby tiger. It involved a fully -grown tiger-his mother. Unlike the Chinese government, Harry’s mother would grant no amnesty to a lying son who claimed that he was married a lovely girl from Kilifi for two months now. Harry had sent home false details of the splendour of the wedding and the honeymoon in Zanzibar. He claimed that he had not wanted to inconvenience the entire family by having them travel to the city for a wedding around Christmas time.

Harry had been under pressure to be the all-providing relative who never went broke. Financial leeches are what he called his relatives. His motive was to avoid a family gathering at his house for the next two years. He told the wedding lie, hoping the family would give him time to bond with his wife. Harry’s mother, however, would have none of it. She decided that she would travel to see the bride herself.

Harry now stood at his best friend’s house with one need. His mother was in a taxi fifteen minutes away. He needed to borrow a wife. It was a matter of *wife* or death!

**(By Ernest Wamboye Wakhusama)**

**Questions.**

1. What is the name of Arnold’s wife? (1 Mark)

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1. Where had Harry claimed to have got the baby tiger? (2 Marks)

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1. Why is Harry’s mother travelling to the city? (2 Marks)

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1. What was the reason that motivated Harry to tell a wedding lie? (2 Marks)

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1. What, in the first paragraph, signals the fact that Harry is likely to win? (2 Marks)

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1. Do you find Linda fair in her attitude towards Arnold’s friends? Explain you answer

(2 Marks)

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1. If you were Harry, how else would you have handled the situation without adding a lie to another lie? ( 2 marks)

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1. Harry is portrayed as a deceitful character in this story, identify two instances from the story which illustrate it. (2 Marks)

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1. For how long was Arnold and Linda married? (1 Mark)

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1. Explain the meaning of the following words as they have been used in the passage.

( 4 Marks)

1. Babbled
2. Curdle
3. Irked
4. Meddle
5. **ORAL SKILLS**
6. **Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.**

**To My Sister by William Wordsworth**

It is the first mild day of March:

Each minute sweeter than before

The redbreast sings from the tall larch

That stands beside our door.

There is a blessing in the air,

Which seems a sense of joy to yield

To the bare trees, and mountains bare,

And grass in the green field.

My sister! ('tis a wish of mine)

Now that our morning meal is done,

Make haste, your morning task resign;

Come forth and feel the sun.

**Questions.**

1. Who is the speaker/persona, illustrate your answer with evidence from the poem.

( 2 Marks)

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1. Describe the rhyme scheme of the poem. ( 2 Marks)

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1. Give two instances of alliteration. (2 marks)

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1. Give two instances of assonance from the poem. ( 2 Marks)

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1. Identify any two pairs of rhyme/rhyming words from the poem. (2 Marks)

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1. Give another word pronounced the same as: (2 Marks)
2. Bare
3. March
4. First
5. Underline the silent letters in the following words. ( 4 Marks)
6. Debris
7. Ballet
8. Isle
9. Depot
10. During a private study reading session in class, your deskmate notes that you have poor reading habits. State four reasons that may have made him/her say so.

( 4 Marks)

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**4. Read the oral narrative below and then answer the questions based on it.**

**Lion and Hare**

A long time ago there were two great friends. They were the Lion, the chief of the animals and the Hare. Each of these friends was married. But one day after a suggestion by Hare, the two friends decided to kill their wives to remain alone. Lion told hare that each one’s wife should be heard screaming to death. And each friend went home saying: “My wife will know who I am today”.

On his arrival home, Hare summoned his wife and told her that he and his friend had

decided to kill their wives. But he added that he was not going to kill her. He told her to

hide in a nearby bee hive. Hare told her: “When you hear me hit this drum, you scream

because Lion wants to hear you scream to death”.

When Hare started beating the drum, his wife screamed as she had been instructed. When Lion heard the screams of his friend’s wife, he beat his wife to death. Hare took his wife and hid her in the hive and warned her against coming out of it in case she was seen by Lion.

Lion and Hare continued with their friendship. They shared everything they got, including food. Whenever food was ready, Hare deceived Lion that he was having a stomach ache. He would then go to the bush taking his food with him. This way he would feed his wife so that she did not starve. He hid his wife and fed her like this for a long time.

One day, Hare’s trick was discovered by Lion. The lion was so angry that he decided to kill Hare’s wife. So, one day when Hare had gone on a short journey, Lion killed Hare’s wife.

When hare came back and discovered that his friend had killed his wife, he went and lit a huge fire. He called his friend and told him, “Lion, you are the king of all animals. I want you to prove that you are the king of all animals. I want you to prove that you are

really big by jumping over this fire to the other side of it.

“You start jumping over it,’ Lion answered Hare. Hare jumped as high as he could over the fire and landed on the other side. Lion tried as hard as he could jump over the fire but instead, he landed in the middle of it. He screamed and called for help saying:

“My friend, come and rescue me! I am burning!” Lion screamed and screamed for help. But since there was no one coming, he burnt to death. Hare was happy to see the killer of his wife dead. That is the end of the story.

**Questions**

1. Classify the above narrative, giving illustrations to support your answer from the story.

(2mks)

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ii. Give an example of each of the following features used in the story. (4mks)

a. Opening formula -

b. Closing formula -

c. Repetition -

d. Personification –

iii. What lesson do we learn from this story? Explain your answer clearly by giving

an illustration from the story. (2mks)

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iv. Apart from the above type of story, list four other types of narratives. (4mks)

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v. Give three functions of oral literature. (3mks)

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vi. Explain the meaning of the following terms used to refer to the types of audiences in oral literature storytelling sessions:

1. Active audience (1mk)

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1. Passive audience (1mk)

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vii. If you were to narrate the above narrative before your classmates, state any three qualities of a good storyteller you should have. ( 3 Marks)

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1. **GRAMMAR**
2. Fill in the blanks with the plural form of the noun provided in brackets. (3 Marks)
3. All his………………………………died during the dry season. (sheep)
4. There are many active …………………………………… in Japan. (volcano)
5. My neighbour keeps a flock of …………………………in his compound. (goose)
6. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the correct articles ‘a’, ‘an’ or ‘the.’

( 3 Marks)

1. Nyabuti is ……………..honest man.
2. You don’t know ………….. trouble I have got myself into.
3. I need to buy …………………umbrella before the rainy season.
4. Use the correct reflexive pronouns to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

(3 Marks)

1. The rat hid ………………………in the cupboard.
2. Kamanda hurt ………………………badly in the game.
3. The principal said we should behave ……………………………….well at the fair.
4. Choose the correct alternatives from the brackets to fill the gaps. ( 3 Marks)
   1. Every child ………………………………..a good education. (deserve/deserves)
   2. Mr Semba and his wife do not …………………………..loud music. (play/plays)
   3. Kayleigh does not ………………………….once it is dark. (drive/drives)
5. Fill in the following gaps using the simple past tense form of the verb in brackets.

( 3 Marks)

1. Gael ……………………to read rather than go for a walk. (choose)
2. They ………………………….the assignment on time. (finish)
3. The child who ………………………..the dirty water has been taken ill. (drink)
4. Complete the following sentences.Use the correct form of the adjective given in brackets. (3 Marks)
5. He was the ……………………………………..warrior of all time. (fierce)
6. She is the ……………………….girl in the school. (tall)
7. A cat is …………………………………………..than the dog. (intelligent)
8. Use ‘or’, ‘but’ or ‘and’ to combine the pairs of sentences. (3 Marks)
9. She is poor. She is honest.
10. Our basketball team played well. Our basketball team lost the game.
11. You can wait for me. You can go on your own.
12. Complete the following sentences using ‘in’, ‘on’ or ‘at’. (3 Marks)
13. It gets very cold here…………………. June and July.
14. Our examinations begin …………………. Thursday next week.
15. I celebrate my birthday ……………………….29th February every four years.
16. Form the adverb from the adjective in the brackets and use them to complete the sentences. (2 Marks)
17. Kalmin speaks French……………………………………. (fluent)
18. Kwamboka walked…………………………………….past the sleeping dog. (quiet)

The End