

**FORM FOUR ENGLISH
HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENT
APRIL, 2024**

Answer all the questions.

1. Uboru Company is seeking to recruit form four leavers into their company. Write your CV that you will send to them.
2. Betrayal causes pain to the society. Using John Lara's play The Samaritan, validate this assertion.
3. Discuss the truth of the saying *Actions Speak Louder than Words* with illustrations from Leonard Kibera's A Silent Song.

4. Read the excerpt below and answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

"Mother thinks that's big-big enough. Are you ready for tomorrow?"

"As ready as I ever will be, I guess, mother." He went and sat beside her.

"And do you still think the summit will adopt Way Omega?"

"Only twelve hours to go before we find out."

"Sorry. Is it just me or has it actually got colder over the past two days? You don't sound so upbeat today as you did two days ago."

"Only twelve hours. We can wait."

"By the way, guess who I ran into downstairs? Someone by the name of Longway. I was tracking down a man they call their guide and thought this fellow might be him. Do you know him?"

Dr Abiola did not answer.

"Well, do you know Mr Longway or not?"

"Yes, Ms McKenzie, I do. You might as well know this now: I am their guide."

"What?"

"Promise you will keep that to yourself, okay?"

"I promise."

"Apart from Mr Longway, whom you know, there are four other people I'm working with on the periphery. Instead of adopting Way Omega, this group wants the summit to adopt Path Alpha".

"It wants the summit to adopt what instead?"

"Path Alpha - it's a rival to Way Omega. The trouble there is that Path Alpha isn't even on the summit's agenda."

"So, Mr Longway and company want me to help them put it there."

"Wait a minute. Only two days ago you said you were to help heads of state adopt Way Omega. Now you say other people want you to help them adopt Path Alpha, a rival to Way Omega. What's going on here?"

"Here is what's going on. I came to advocate for Way Omega, and I will".

"In doing that I'll draw on other alternatives, including Path Alpha."

"You will? Then remind me: why did I promise to keep your identity to myself?"

"Because I'm hiding from Way Omega my links to Path Alpha. Look. Some heads of state — not all, but some — believe I should be focusing exclusively on Way Omega. If they heard about my links to Path Alpha, they would demand my scalp."

Questions

- (a) Place this excerpt in its immediate context. (4 marks)
- (b) Identify and illustrate two-character traits of Abiola and one character trait of Fiona McKenzie in the excerpt. (6 marks)
- (c) Discuss two themes evident in the excerpt. (4 marks)
- (d) (i) Instead of adopting Way Omega, the group wants the summit to adopt Path Alpha. (**Replace "instead" with a complex preposition**). (1 mark)
(ii) Wait a minute. (**Add a suitable question tag**)
(iii) So, Mr Longway and company want me to help them put it there. (**Write in reported speech**)
- (e) Pick and illustrate two stylistic devices used by the author in the excerpt. (4 marks)
- (f) Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases used in the excerpt. (4marks)