

ENGLISH

MARKING SCHEME

FORM 3.

PAPER 2 TERM 3 2026

1. It is odd that Kenya has abundance of water when it rains ✓¹ - evidenced by the flooding- yet it is also among the world's most water-scarce countries. ✓¹
2. It is important because safe water is key in determining the health ✓¹ of people in a household and communities. ✓¹
3. The statistics can help to emphasize/draw attention ✓¹ to the severity of the water problem ✓¹ by helping us appreciate the number of people ✓¹ with safe drinking water
4. Improved water sources:

Examples are piped water, borehole water and rain harvested water/protected wells.

Are less prone to contamination

Are safer sources of water

(expect all the three points]

5. At independence the water situation was secure, with almost 2.4 million litres per Kenyan per year ✓¹ however the situation was precarious in 2014, as the water available per person per year had shrunk to 461,000 litres ✓¹

(Student must use a word of contrast or comparison]

6. Women, children and even men, spend a lot of time daily fetching water

It is tiring as people have to queue for long hours/walk long distances

Some children drop out of school (expect all the three points]

7. It is ironic that the poor _those living in slums spend_ a lot of money_172% more _for water yet their counterparts in formal estates do not.

_This shows the serious impact of water scarcity _its impact on poor households.

8. i) eke out_ make a living

ii) Interventions_measures to curb.-actions put in place to prevent,secure.

Question 2

Poetry 20marks.

(20 mks)

(a) The poem is about a woman that had been married but now divorced ✓1
she meets a man who had been her husband ✓1 and enquires how the man is fairing with his new wife ✓1 in response her former husband concludes that there's not much to admire in the new wife as there was in the old ✓1

(Any 3x1= 3marks)

b) With illustrations identify one similarity and difference in the two wives.

(4mks)

(i) Both are beautiful ✓1 in beauty of face there's not much to choose ✓1

(ii) The old wife was more hardworking than the new one ✓1 The new wife can only do an inch a day of silk embroidery but the old one would do more than five feet ✓1

(Accept any plausible differences)

(c) comment on poetic devices:

(6mks)

(i) Repetition ✓1 e.g. Husband, she, my new wife etc ✓1 creates rhythm/memorabilia /

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(ii) Alliteration ✓1 went Wild herbs ✓1 Creates rhythm/memorability/musically
mountain met

cannot could

iii) Assonance ✓1 will wilty ✓1

iv) Consonance ✓1 down mountain

Creates rhythm/memorability/musically ✓

(Identification and illustration to score)

d. Meaning of lines:

His present wife maybe more educated/learned but he doesn't find her pleasant or attractive in her talk/she doesn't interest him with her discussion ✓2

e. Aspects of social life:

Divorce and remarriage are allowed

.....Her former husband

.....My new wife ✓1

- Women kneel down before men as a sign of respect“She knelt down.....✓1

- Women’s duties involve collecting herbs, sewing and embroidery ✓1

f. The tone of the poem:

Ironical ✓1 the new will not compare with the old. ✓1

4.GRAMMAR

1.

i)occasion

ii)site

iii) embarrassing

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i)envious

ii)awful

iii)compassionate

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i)to

ii)in

iii)for

4. .i)Not only did he threaten us but he was also insolent.

ii)You will not succeed unless you work hard

iii)Here comes the bus we have been waiting for!(mandatory exclamation mark)

5. i)The school was ordered to be closed down by the health officer.

ii)A steering committee has been set up to investigate the violence by the government.

iii)His good deeds were applauded.