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FORM THREE - ENGLISH - MID-TERM EXAM - 1ST TERM 2016

Answer all questions:

Q1. CLOZE TEST

(10MARKS)

There was _____ in a town, a King and some people, two of them very poor men. Those poor men loved each other _____ much. One day, one of them told the other, 'My brother, we have lived for a _____ time since we were young, until now we are old, we have not had children!' The other one told him, 'God will offer _____ children.' Soon enough, their _____ became pregnant. They carried their _____ until each gave birth to a son. One of the men _____ the other, 'Now both of our wives have given birth, what _____ you call your son?'. The other told him, 'I will _____ mine Nia Moja'. He then asked the other, 'And what _____ will you give to yours?' The other said, 'I will call mine Nia Mbili!'

Q2.THE NOVEL: THE RIVER AND THE SOURCE

(25 MARKS)

Read the excerpt below and then answer the questions that follow.

"Brothers, we greet you and bring you many greetings from the people of seme. My nephew, Oloo, son of my late brother Sigu, came to me and said: "Father, I have found a girl and I want to get married. Now I am a reasonable man and I know the ways of *chik*, so I asked him: 'Son I asked him one does not just find a girl in the air. One sends a *jangwanyo* to go and spy a girl and find out her antecedents and character. Is she a thief or a witch? Is she lazy or shiftless? Might there be consanguinity between you and her? Who is her mother and father? I tell you my brothers that I was flabbergasted to hear that none of these things had crossed his mind. He knew that her mother's name was Maria and her grandmother's name was Akoko and that was all. You will therefore forgive us because we do not know you and you do not know us. We only came because we have faith in our son who has always been a reasonable man. We therefore wish to introduce ourselves before we go on. I am Semo Rakula of Seme, our village is near that strange rock-upon-a-rock, *Kit-Mikai*. We are the descendants of that wear warrior, Nyagudi Kogambi. Oloo and these young men are my sons and nephew . Oloo is a man of learning and what is more a soldier who has fought for the white man in distant landa Now he is a clerk with a big *kambi* (company)in Nakuru, where he gets a good salary. So should this suit be acceptable to all you need have no fear that your daughter will starve. I tell you these things because there are things *jawang'yo* would have found out for you. Thank you brothers." A pot of *kong'o* was moved near him and he drew a long refreshing draught. Some things never change-a spokesman needs to irrigate his throat.

"Brothers, people of Seme. My name is Oyange Silwal The girl Awiti is the only child of my late brother Okumu. We are from Sakwa from the village of Gombe, The girl has group in Gem because her mother

(e) In one sentence, paraphrase the statements below

(2marks)

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(f) We only came because we have faith in our son who has always been a reasonable man.

Provide a **question tag** for the above statement.

(1 mark)

(g) ‘You will therefore forgive us brothers because we do not know you and you do not know us.’ In light of what happens in the novel, why is the speaker begging for forgiveness. (2marks)

(h) Identify and illustrate any **two** stylistic devices evidently used in this excerpt. (4marks)

(i) Give the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the excerpt. (2marks)

a. Consanguinity;

b. irrigate his throat;

Q3. ORAL SKILLS

(20 MARKS)

A. Read the following poem and then answer the questions that follow.

I want to die when you love me
I want to die when you love me
While yet you hold me fair
While laughter lies upon my lips
And lights are in my air

I want to die while you love me
I could not bear to see.
The glory of this perfect day
Grown dim or cease to be
I want to die while you love me
Oh! Who would care to live
Till love has nothing more to ask
And nothing more to give

I want to die while you love me
And bear to that still bed
Your kisses, turbulent, unspent
To warm me when I am dead

(i) Describe the rhyme scheme of the poem. (2 marks)

(ii) What effect is achieved by the use of rhyme? (2 marks)

(iii) Identify and illustrate instances of alliteration in the poem. (3 marks)

B. What intonation would be used in the following circumstances?

(4 marks)

(i) Are you sick?

(ii) Why haven't you washed your clothes?

(ii) Ouch! its painful.

(iv) She has gone.

C. Identify the following genres

(i) Since men have learnt to shoot without missing Eneke, the bird has learnt to fly without perching.

(ii) Shirika la reli la Rwanda lilishirikiana na shirika la reli la Liberia). (2 marks)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

What are the characteristics of the two genres? (2 marks)

D. Underline the silent letter in the following words.

(5 marks)

(i) Often

(ii) Obvious

(iii) Laughter

(iv) Knows

(v) Although

Q4. GRAMMAR

(15MARKS)

a. A. Only one of the choices given after each sentence will replace the word or words underlined without having to make any other changes to the sentences.

(3marks)

i) Kasungu said that he was still going to school.

(a) schooling

(b) at school

(c) in school

(d) for school

- ii) You can give the matter some consideration and give me your decision next week,
(a) thought
(b) thinking
(c) thoughtfulness
(d) think

- iii) The government has decided to call for a general vote by the people in this particular matter,
(a) mandate
(b) junta
(c) election
(d) referendum

b. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given. Do not change the meaning.

- i) I am not sure if everyone would agree with your proposal. (3marks)
(Start: Not everyone.....)
ii) The teacher found out how intelligent Omollo was when he started the discussion.
(Begin : It was not)

c. Supply question tags for the following sentences

- i) The cow produces a lot of milk. (2marks)
ii) You dare to confront her

d. Replace the underlined words with a single word that has the same meaning.

- i) He has his boots made by the man who makes shoes. (2marks)
ii) I listened to him but I could not make head or tail of what he was saying.

c. Fill in the blank spaces with the correct article

- i) Every adult must earn a living by doing honest job. (2marks)
ii) workers' union has called off the strike.

**d. Identify, underline and correct four words that have been miss spelt in the paragraph below.
Write the correct word on top of one wrongly spelt.**

(4marks)

The occurrence of the accident outside the mansion was as a result of the stubbornness of the driver who was aguing with the passangers and the conductor's arwkward behavior.

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