

Name.....Adm.....Class.....

Instructions

Answer all the questions in this paper.

The question on functional writing should be answered on a separate foolscap.

This paper consists of the following sections.

A. SECTION- A FUNCTIONAL WRITING (20mks)

B. CLOZE TEST (10mks)

C. ORAL SKILLS (15mks)

D. COMPREHENSION (20mks)

E. ORAL LITERATURE (20mks)

F. GRAMMAR (15mks)

Total 100mks.

SECTION A FUNCTIONAL WRITING (20MKS)

Imagine you have presented a solo verse at the National Drama Festival and won. You have been invited for the award giving ceremony at State House Nairobi. Write a letter to your father informing him of the occasion and inviting him to attend the ceremony. Include any other relevant details.

SECTION B. CLOZE TEST (10MKS)

It is exam time again and many parents and children 1over the country are experiencing pangs of tensions and nervousness. For some, exams are a matter of life and 2.....No wonder there are victims of 3.....fever, a miserable condition that causes stress and interferes 4.....the overall functioning of the body. Although stress in small doses 5.....necessary for motivation, it has been 6.....that the level of exam induced anxiety 7.....many parents and children is exceedingly high. As 8.....result, children’s performance is partly 9.....by their ability to manage exam fever as 10..... to their level of intelligence.

SECTION C ORAL SKILLS

Provide another word that is pronounced exactly the same as the one given in each case.

- i. Hire
- ii. Weigh
- iii. Wholly
- iv. Blew
- v. Rain

(ii) Identify the odd word in the following sets of words. (4mks)

- (a) Thing thine although forth.
- (b) Enough fish emphasize shepherd.
- (c) Chore chit arch char
- (d) Jet genie game orgy.

(iii) Identify the silent letters in the following words.(3mks)

-whether

Cupboard

Sigh

(iv) Give the words that are similar in meaning with the following words.(3mks)

-Candy

-Arise

Vast

SECTION D COMPREHENSION 20MKS

READ THE PASSAGE BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Population in most cities is increasing at a very high rate. The high population results in high levels of activities and consumption. People in cities consume a lot of food and they buy groceries from shops which are wrapped in polythene bags. As a result, a lot of garbage is generated and disposed off within and outside the urban areas. The higher the population, the higher the amount of garbage generated. This means that there should be an efficient system of collecting and disposing off the garbage.

The effectiveness of waste management by city councils varies from country to country. In most African cities. A large amount of waste is not deposited in rubbish pits. It is dumped in the open. According to United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) statistics, sixty five percent of garbage in Tripoli, for example, is dumped in the open while eighty percent of garbage in Ismailia (Egypt) is also dumped in the open.

With extreme warm temperature such garbage tends to decompose rapidly causing serious health risks besides being a nuisance. One common method of desposing off waste is open burning. This contributes to the problem of urban air pollution.

In Nairobi, for example, it is common to find informal open burning sites. Most residents of city estates say that they are forced to burn waste in the open because the city council is incapable of dealing with the increasing amount of garbage. When waste is not disposed off effectively, it affects human health and damages the environment. For example, it has led to problems such as pollution of water sources, offensive odour, and increase in disease vectors, pests and scavengers.

However, there are examples of domestic waste being disposed off hygienically or being recycled. For example, in rural Egypt, there are organizations that promote environmental awareness among women by providing them with plastic bags so that they can collect their garbage. On the other hand, the youth are given the task of taking the garbage to a designated collection point. This scheme can be imported to the urban areas with a lot of success.

Another possible solution could be the introduction of reusable shopping bags in place of the usual polythene bags. Supermarkets and other businesses can pack customers' goods in bags that are reusable. This would drastically reduce the amount of domestic waste generated every day.

- (a) What is the result of high population in most cities.(2mks)

- (b) In most African cities, where are large amounts of waste deposited? (1mk)

- (c) How much waste does Egypt dump in the open?(1mk)

- (d) What two problems result from dumping waste in the open? (2mks)

- (e) Why is open burning of waste common?(1mk)

(f) In what two ways can waste be successfully managed according to the passage.(2mks)

(g) In note form, briefly state the various forms of waste disposal discussed in the passage.(4mks)

(h) Why is Egypt mentioned in the passage? (1mk)

(i) What are the writer's feelings towards the city council.(2mks)

(j) The high population results in high levels of activities and consumption.
Rewrite beginning: Such(1mk)

(k) Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the passage.(3mks)

(i) Offensive odour

(ii) Disposed off

(iii) Decompose

SECTION E ORAL LITERATURE

Read the following narrative and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time, the Hare and Cock were great friends. They did everything together including living in one house. They would every morning leave for the forest and plains to look for food to feed their family members. And every evening they would arrive home, each with their spoil, if they had been lucky and at times with nothing at all. Whichever the case, each one of them would be exhausted at the end of the hunt. At home, their wives would make the meal and soon each one of them would be sound asleep.

However, on one night the hare woke up in the middle of the night so as to attend to the call of nature. When he looked at the Cock, he saw it standing on one leg, with his head invisible. This disturbed him a bit and for the next three nights, he woke up at the same hour to ascertain whether what he had seen was true or a hoax. But on each night he woke up, he found the cock on one foot and presumably without his head. He then decided, the next morning on their way to the forest to ask his friend what happened to him every night because he always appeared transformed into a new image.

“I usually cut off my head and leg before going to sleep.” Said the Cock. Can you make me sleep like you? Without your head and leg?” inquired the Hare.

“Sure, sure,” replied the excited Cock.

It was therefore agreed that the Cock would cut the hares head and legs the following night.

All day long, the hare waited with anticipation for night to arrive so that he could be transformed into a new being like his friend, the Cock.

The cock to him, time was not moving. After hours of waiting, evening arrived finding the hare in a very jovial mood. He hurriedly ate the evening meal that Mrs. Hare served, so that he could experience sleeping without his leg and head. In the meantime, the Cock was sharpening a big matchet ready to chop off the hare’s head and legs.

Within minutes all was over. Mrs. Hare tried to wake up her husband to no avail. There was blood all over the place and no heart beat. When she realized what had actually happened to her husband, she wailed in the darkness. On looking up at the Cock, she saw that he had raised his matchet to cut off her head and decided to run for her dear life never to be seen again.

The Cock was very happy and called Hen to chop the pieces which were cooked and the whole family happily feasted on for days.

And that is why the saying goes “curiosity killed the cat.”

QUESTIONS

(a) With reasons classify the above narrative (2mks)

(b) Briefly describe the character of

(i) The cock (2mks)

(ii) The hare

(c) Identify any two stylistic devices and explain their effect on the narrative.(6mks)

(d) (i) The community makes a living from a certain economic activity. State it and give a reason for your answer .(1mk)

(ii)State one social activity evident in the narrative. Give a reason for your answer.(1mk)

(e) Give the meanings of the following words.
Anticipation

Transformed (2mks)

(f) What lessons do you learn from the narrative.(2mks)

(g) "Curiosity killed the cat"(2mks)
(i)What do you call the above?

(ii)What are the functions of the same in the narrative (2mks)

GRAMMAR (15MKS)

(a) Put a or an before the following words or phrases.(5mks)

- (i)University
- (ii)One –sided affair
- (iii)Honest deal
- (iv)Historical survey
- (v)Unicorn

(b) Supply the missing prepositions in each of the following sentences.

1. You will find our housethe end of the street.

2. It is strictly forbidden to parkthe middle of the road.

(c) Indicate the correct Noun category for the following words.(3mks)

(i) Pastor

(ii) Kenya

(iii) Toy

(d) Use the correct form of the pronoun in the following.(5mks)

1. We scored as many goals as(they, them)

2. Let you andtry what we can do.(I, me)

3. Nobody butwas present (he, him)

4. Whom can I trust, if not.....? (she, her)

5. We are not as poor asare(they , them)