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**MUMIAS ENGLISH PAPER 2
(COMPREHENSION, LITERARY
APPRECIATION AND GRAMMAR)**

1

COMPREHENSION (20MARKS)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

All over the world today, there is great emphasis on the establishment of common markets to foster trade between member states. This has taken on a new look with the **mushrooming** of trade blocs, some of which exist only in name.

Respected common markets like the European Union have attained their ideals, with their economies becoming even more vibrant through integration. But the growing economies of Africa have led to the sprouting of regional markets that have tended to curtail their intended purposes.

The many advantages derived from this type of partnership cannot be gainsaid. However, there is some evidence of overlapping and duplication of roles. It is for this reason that some observers have expressed grave misgivings about the future of the East Africa Community. They argue that Comesa, the Southern African Development Community and Inter-Governmental Authority on Development are enough to sustain the needs of the three east African states.

Those who say so have a point which shouldn't be ignored. Terming their sentiments mere **gibberish**, is ill-advised. It is a fact that the EAC had never been on a firm footing. Its high ideals will remain elusive unless there is a marked reversal of the growing trend towards business with countries outside the region, notably Mauritius, South Africa and Egypt.

Allegations that a former Kenyan minister for Constitutional Affairs, Mr. Charles Njonjo, engineered the collapse of the EAC in 1977 are not only misplaced, but unnecessary centred on personalities.

What were the real reasons? Kenya was the most cherished colony of Britain in east Africa. It, therefore, achieved a dominant position in the region. Tanzania and Uganda rightly claimed that apart from Nairobi being the hub of commercial activities, the concentration of several East Africa parastals in Kenya favoured the country.

As a result the first hurdle in the EAC'S path was erected by leaders from Tanzania and Uganda. The misunderstandings and different political alignments during the Cold War contributed to the winding up of the E.A.C. So this unity was doomed to fail from the onset.

Since the 1970's when the EAC ran into problems much **water has flowed under the bridge**. With the new generation of leaders on the scene, even stronger East African Unity is envisaged. However, the proposal to form a political federation with one president and a single currency is far-fetched.

Given the failure by African leaders to unite their people, talks of a new wave of enthusiasm for political unity among the countries are a **pipe dream**. It is hypocritical to talk of regional coalitions while ignoring the problem of widespread poverty.

Hostility between different communities highlights the depressing prospects of cross-border trade. Kenyan fishermen in Lake Victoria have been languishing in Tanzanian and Ugandan jails for alleged trespass despite official assurances against such harassment.

Cattle rustling between, say the Karamojong and Turkana remain a nagging problem and has left the security teams with egg all over their faces. Due to poor communication, goods from some corners can't reach the market in time.

President Yoweri Museveni recently moaned that while bananas were rotting in Uganda, some areas in Kenya and Tanzania were experiencing starvation. Improvement of infrastructure can boost trade.

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(a) What are the effects of over-stressing the establishment of common markets? (2mks)

(b) Why, according to the passage, was Kenya a favoured country in East Africa? (2mks)

(c) Summarize in about 45 words the problems that still affect people from the East African region despite the call for East African integration. (5mks)

(d) It is hypocritical to talk about regional coalition while ignoring the problem of widespread poverty (Rewrite to begin: Talking.....) (1mk)

(e) Why do you think the author mentions the Europeans Union in paragraph two? (2mks)

(f) What is the writer's attitude towards the future of East Africa Community? (2mks)

(g) According to the writer, what was the real reason for the collapse of EAC? (2mks)

(h) Explain the meaning of the following words and expressions as used in the passage.

(i) Mushrooming

(ii) Gibberish

(iii) Water has flowed under the bridge.

(iv) A pipe dream.

2. *Read the excerpt below and answer the questions that follow.*

PETER STOCKMANN: Is it your intention to bring this document before the Baths Committee as a sort of official report?

DR. STOCKMANN: Certainly, something must be done in the matter ... and quickly at that.

PETER STOCKMANN: As usual, you employ rather strong expressions in your report. You say, amongst other things, that what we offer visitors in our Baths is a permanent supply of slow poison.

DR. STOCKMANN: Well, can you describe it any other way, Peter? Just think now that water is poisonous, whether you drink it or bathe in it! And this we offer to the poor sick folk who come to us trustfully and pay through the nose to be cured!

PETER STOCKMANN: And your reasoning leads you to this conclusion, that we must build

a sewer to carry off the alleged impurities from molledal and must relay the water conduits.

DR. STOCKMANN: Yes. Do you see any other way out of it? I don't.

PETER STOCKMANN: I made an excuse this morning to go and see the town engineer, and, as if only half seriously, broached the subject as a thing we might perhaps have to consider some time later on.

DR. STOCKMANN: Some time later on!

PETER STOCKMANN: Naturally, he just laughed at what he considered to be my extravagance. Have you taken the trouble to consider what your proposed alterations would cost? According to the information I obtained, the expenses would probably amount to forty or fifty thousand pounds.

DR. STOCKMANN: Really? As much as all that, eh?

PETER STOCKMANN: Yes; and the worst part of it is that the work would take at least two years.

DR. STOCKMANN: Two years? Two whole years?

PETER STOCKMANN: At least. And what are we going to do with the Baths in the meantime? We would have to close them. And do you suppose anyone would come near the place again once it got out that the water was dangerous?

DR. STOCKMANN: Yes, but Peter, that is what it is.

PETER STOCKMANN: And all this has to happen now — just when the Baths are beginning to be known. There are other towns in the neighbourhood with qualifications to attract visitors for bathing purposes. Don't you suppose they would immediately strain every nerve to divert the entire stream of visitors to themselves? Unquestionably they would; and then where should we be? We should probably have to abandon the whole costly undertaking and then you would have ruined your own town.

DR. STOCKMANN: Me - Ruined ...!

PETER STOCKMANN: It is simply and solely through the Baths that the town has any future worth mentioning. You know that just as well as I do.

DR. STOCKMANN: But what do you think should be done, then?

PETER STOCKMANN: Your report has not convinced me that the state of the water at the Baths is as bad as you make it sound!

DR. STOCKMANN: I tell you it is even worse! — Or at least it will be in summer, when the warm weather comes.

PETER STOCKMANN: As I said, I believe you exaggerate the matter considerably. A competent doctor ought to know what measures to take – he ought to be capable of taking precautionary measures and remedy any noticeable injurious effects, if any.

Questions

- (a) Where is the conversation taking place? (1mk)
- (b) What are the contents of the report mentioned in the excerpt? (4mks)
- (c) Why does the town engineer laugh at Peter Stockmann? (2mks)
- (d) Give one sentence which shows that Dr. Stockmann is liberal. (2mks)
- (e) A competent doctor ought to know what measures to take. (Add a question tag) (2mks)
- (f) What style does the author use in the last speech of Peter Stockmann?
Explain your answer (2mks)
- (g) Identify and illustrate any one theme brought out in this extract. (2mks)
- (h) What reasons does Peter Stockmann give for rejecting Dr. Stockmann's recommendations? (5mks)
- (i) Identify and illustrate one character trait of Peter Stockmann as brought out in this excerpt. (2mks)
- (j) With reference to the rest of the text identify the resolution that Peter Stockmann makes on the report. (3mks)

3. ORAL LITERATURE.

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow.

DEATH IS A WITCH.

Solo: Ah, what shall I do, Abaluhya?
It's wrong

Chorus: Today I will say
Death is a witch, my people
It snatched my child
I will remain alone

Solo: Ah what shall I really do, Abaluhya
It's very wrong.

Chorus: Today I will say
Death is witch, my people
It snatched my child
I will weed alone.

Solo: Ah, what shall I really do, Abaluhya
it's wrong

Chorus. Today I will say
Death is a witch, my people
It snatched my friend
I will dance alone

Solo: My child, my friend, I cry
What shall I do? I cry

What shall I do? I cry x 2

- a). Classify the above oral poem giving reasons. (2mks)
- b) What is the singer's attitude toward death? (2mks)
- c) Identify and illustrate three features of style typical of oral poetry present in this poem. (6mks)
- d) What do you think is lost by writing this poem down? Give **two** things lost. (4mks)
- e) Identify **one** character trait of death brought out in this poem. (2mks)
- f) With illustrations, identify social-economic activities of the community from which this song is drawn. (4mks)
- e) Identify any **two** non-verbal cues that you would use to enhance audience interest in this song. (4mks)

4.

GRAMMAR

a (i) Explain the difference in meaning between the following pairs of sentences. (4mks)

1. Even Rose completed little assignment.
2. Rose even completed the assignment

- (ii) 1. They gave me the money
2. They gave me a little money.

b) Arrange the adjectives in the following sentences in their correct order. (2mks)

- (i) I hate blue toilet big ugly flies.
- (ii) They found gold handsome round Swiss old watches

c). Give a word or phrase that means the same as the underlined phrasal verb. (2mks)

- (i) My uncle put me up when I went for drama festival in Nakuru.
- (ii) Can you hang on for a minute- I will be right back.

d). Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions after each without changing the meaning. (3mks)

1. Bolingo finally made it home even though he had got lost several times. (**Begin: Despite...**)
2. I don't want you to attend our meeting. (**Use 'object'**)
3. Entering the dark cave without a torch would have been extremely foolish.

(Rewrite beginning with: It...)

e) Fill the blanks with a correct preposition (2mks)

1. The interest is inclusive.....VAT.
2. Jenny's brother is an engineer but he's out of work..... the moment.

f) Fill the blank spaces with the appropriate form of the word in brackets. (2mks)

- (i) Triza sang.....(**melody**) to the accompaniment of the piano.
- (ii) The Japanese construction company will undertake the.....(**maintain**) of the road.