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**ENGLISH**

**(Imaginative Composition and Essays based on set texts)**

1. **Imaginative composition.** (20mks) \*Nrk\*

**Either**

a) ‘ The youth hold the key to Kenya’s economic Development” Discuss.

**OR**

b) Write a story to illustrate “ A bird in Hand is Worth Two in The Bush”

2. **The compulsory set text.** (20mks) \*Nrk\*

**M.O. McGoye: Coming To Birth**

“I’ll use it as an illustration for my family talks. Do not rush to marry young. Satisfaction for the older couple. Happiness through persistence, mature maternity.”

Explain the relevance of the above statement to the experiences of Martin and Paulina.

3. **The Optional Set Texts**

**Answer Any one of the following three questions**

**Either**

- a) **The Short Story** (20mks) \*Nrk\*

Discuss the character of Njoroge and Mrs Hill in Ngugi Wa Thiong’o’s story “ The Martyr.”

**Or**

- b) **Drama: Shreds of Tenderness**

Discuss the relevance of Ruganda’s Shreds of Tenderness to the contemporary developing society. (20mks) \*Nrk\*

**Or**

- c) **The Novel: Homestretch.** (20mks) \*Nrk\*

Using the experiences of the characters in the novel Homestretch, write an essay on the effects of studying in a foreign country.